

## 2-day Surinsar-Mansar Fest concludes with captivating cultural show



Glimpses of closing ceremony of two days Surinsar-Mansar Festival at Mansar.

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JAMMU: The 2-Day Surinsar-Mansar Festival concluded at Mansar with a special rendition of local cultural performances and celebrity Musical performance, the other day.

Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai was the chief guest at the valedictory function.

Mansar Lake, laced with hills and engulfed in forests, came into limelight once again when a cultural extravaganza was organised by the Tourism Department, J&K and Surinsar Mansar Authority. The highlights of the event included Musical Performances, amazing food, open MIC performances, Blogger meet, MTB rally and nature walk. The festival was inaugurated by Chief Secretary of J&K, UT Dr A K Mehta at Surinsar on September 17, 2022 and the day 2 activities were held on the shores of Mansar Lake. The festi-

tival full of excitement, fun, adventure, entertainment, melodies, delicious food and a beautiful backdrop left visitors awestruck.

Speaking to the media, the Director Tourism, Jammu said that the festival is an elaborate effort of the tourism Department to put Mansar Lake on the Traveller itinerary and must visit list. The whole idea is to popularise Jammu as a stellar tourist destination.

The celebration started with the fun filled adventure activity i.e. mountain terrain biking from Surinsar to Mansar which was flagged off by Bodh Raj Sarpanch Surinsar. Over 20 participants joined the bike Rally which traversed the beautiful Surinsar to Mansar route and were flagged in by Dr Gurinder Jit Singh CEO, SMDA at Mansar.

A painting competition was also held at Mansar where Miss Shivani and Miss

Shakti, brought various tourist destinations live on Canvas adding to everyone's delight.

In the evening, an open MIC was held. The acts varied between poems, songs and magic where budding artists showcased their talent. Also Bloggers Meet was held in the evening wherein an informal discussion with the famous bloggers was held by Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director Tourism Jammu.

She announced that a photography competition "Sabse Bada Ghumakkar" shall be held which shall be open to all and anyone can get registered this week to get the entries of photographs clicked by them from across all the ten districts of Jammu division highlighting the scenic beauty of the area alongwith a description of 50 words with Directorate of Tourism Jammu, rules/regulations of which shall be advertised later. After screening by an expert panel, the best

three entries shall be rewarded on World Tourism Day which is to be celebrated on 27 September. Later in the evening a scintillating cultural programme was held which included high energy performances by Kinku Ji, Karan Menia, Police Rapper, Dheeraj Kumar, Shumalini Goswami etc. However, the main highlights of the events was the energetic performance by famous Singer Dilpreet Dhillon. The various performances cheered the audience who appreciated the efforts of the department for organising such a grand event.

Other officers present on the occasion were Natasha Kalsotra, Registrar Jammu, Amar Joyti Raina, Dy. Director Tourism Jammu, Abdul Jabbar, Dy. Director Tourism Publicity, Sheena Sahni, Assistant Director Tourism Jammu, Mehak Gupta, Accounts Officer Directorate Tourism Jammu.

## J&K Police organises Cycle Race on Sep 23 under CAP

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SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Police (JKP) has rescheduled, Cycle Race "Pedal for Peace" - 2022 for September 23, 2022 and also enhanced the prize money for the winners from Rs 3.86 lakh to Rs 5.13 lakh.

On the conclusion of Cycle Race and Prize distribution ceremony, a Raffle draw of Chest Nos of the participants is also being conducted in which 1st prize, a bicycle worth Rs 25,000, 2nd prize a bicycle worth Rs 16,000 and 3rd prize a bicycle worth Rs 15,000 have been earmarked for the first three prize winners of the Raffle Draw.

The Cyclists who would get themselves registered for participation shall have to assemble at Lalit Ghat Boulevard Road Srinagar at 0500 hours on September 23, (Friday) for the scrutiny and collection of Chest Nos.

The entry form for participation in the Cycle Race shall be entertained on the already established registration counters till September 21, 2022.

## Surinder Bagal becomes Uttarakhand Selector

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JAMMU: In yet another first, top J&K cricketer Surinder Singh Bagal, in recognition to his profile, has been made selector by the Uttarakhand Cricket Association.

Having been instrumental in picking the winning sides for J&K with true identification of the raw talent in the past, this left-hand pacer from Jammu has become first such cricketer to find berth in the selectors panel outside the UT.

Earlier, Bagal had become first cricketer from J&K to earn the tag of being an international cricketer by playing against Australia and England while representing India-A and Board President XI.

An officer with the J&K Excise and Taxation Department, Surinder has already reached

Uttarakhand to finalise the teams in the second round of selections.

Besides guiding youngsters in cricket, Surinder remained active in social activities too, especially during the tough times of COVID pandemic thus received applaus.

A right handed batsman and left arm medium pacer, Surinder played a key role in J&K's improved performance in 2000-2001 creating history of sorts by qualifying for the knock out stage for the first time in 41 years of taking part.

Important to mention here that it was for the first time that talent of two of J&K's international players, Arun Malhotra and Surinder Singh Bagal got due recognition at the National level. Arun has been made member of the technical committee of All India Football Federation (AIFF).

## DYSS holds Wushu selection in Udhampur



Wushu players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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UDHAMPUR: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Udhampur on Monday conducted district level Inter-Zonal selection event in the discipline of Wushu for boys and girls at the Indoor Hall, Subash Stadium, here.

The selection competition took place under the overall supervision of district (DYSS) officer, Swaran Singh. In total, 64 boys and girls took part in the day-long selection event. Vakil Singh, Incharge Subash Stadium was special guest. He along with Som Dev Khajuria, PEM DYSSO Office Udhampur and field staff interacted with the players.

The bouts officiated by Yash Paul and Ranjeet

Verna. Among others present were Sham Lal, Pushpinder Kour, Jaswinder Singh, Romesh Chander, Sanjeev Kumar, Vikas Kumar, Jagdish Kumar, Kumari Nirmal, Jatin Sethi, Karun Magotra, Sanjeev Khajuria, Sushma Bandral and Bal Singh (Medical Assistant).

SELECTIONS: BOYS: Under-14: Anmol (45 Kg) and Harkirat Singh (48 Kg), both from Zone Udhampur. Under-17: Naman (45Kg) and Babar (48Kg), both Zone Udhampur. Under-19: Ganesh Kumar (45 Kg) and Rajeev (52 Kg), both Zone Udhampur. GIRLS: Under-14: Renuka (40 Kg), Zone Udhampur. Under-17: Tania (45 Kg), Zone Udhampur. Under-19: Reva (45Kg), Zone Chenani.

## Sports activities continue, more organisations want to join MYMP initiative



Players in action in a Squay match at Ganderbal.

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JAMMU: The 23rd District Sqay Championship commenced in Ganderbal on Monday in which more than 150 participants comprising boys and girls are participating.

District Commissioner Ganderbal Shayambar Singh presided over the function as chief guest. While speaking on the occasion, the chief guest appreciated the measures taken by J&K Sports Council to overhaul the sports structure in the union territory. "The administration is here to support our budding players", he added.

Meanwhile, the 32nd District Poonch Table Tennis Championship which was declared open yesterday continued on day two.

The event is being organised by the district unit under the aegis of J&K Table Tennis Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

A chess championship organised under J&K Sports Council's special initiative My Youth My Pride concluded in the Indoor Complex of M.A. Stadium

here today.

Anand Swaroop emerged as winner in 2-days open Blitz Chess Championship, while 2nd place went to Viraj Singh Jamwal and Anshu Gupta secured 3rd place.

The event was held under the overall supervision of Divisional Sports Officer Jammu Ashok Singh

Chief Guest complimented the school for conducting a remarkable event and teaching the students, the way democracy functions in the country by way of elections and installation of council of ministers. She motivated the students and parents to take responsibility to help the authorities to make District Samba free from drugs and participate whole heartedly in 'Har Ghar Main Champion Program' to make the district clean & green.

DySP Priyanka said that each student is unique and anyone can achieve his/her goal by consistency of efforts.

Earlier Principal of the school, Kundan Lal Dogra presented the welcome address and administered the Oath to all the future leaders of student's cabinet for the session.

Investiture Ceremony was held with a motto to invest the students with a sense of responsibility and duty.

A number of delegations and NGO's approached J&K Sports Council office for tying up with the My Youth My Pride programme so as to enable the reach of the event to every nook and corner of J&K. The proposals are under active consideration and action shall follow soon, said Shiekh Riyaz Ahmad, Administrative Officer J&K Sports Council.

The couple of night cricket matches, both in Jammu and Kashmir divisions, were about to commence. In Jammu the historic MA Stadium was hosting the event while as in Kashmir division Ganderbal's Kamaria Stadium was lit by flood lights when reports last came in. Teams in both the venues were warming up for the match.

## YSS Cup 2022 conducted in 3 blocks of Ramban Distt



Dignitaries interacting with players at Ramban.

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RAMBAN: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Ramban on Monday organized Inter-Panchayat, Block level Kho-Kho, Volleyball, and Kabaddi tournament under YSS Cup 2022 in Block Batote, Ramban, and Ukhral.

At Batote, the event was inaugurated by the Principal of the Host School, Dev Raj Bhagat in the presence of ZEO, Shakil Ahmed at Government Higher Secondary School, Batote.

As many as 90 participants from Block Batote participated in the tournament with great enthusiasm. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal highlighted the importance of sports and said that this initiative provides an excellent platform for youth to showcase their talent. These tournaments were conducted under the supervision of District Youth Service and Sports Officer, Dharamvir Singh and ZPEO, Subash Chander under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Musarat Islam.

## Student's Cabinet installed at MV International School



Students' cabinet of MVIS posing for a photograph with faculty members and other dignitaries.

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SAMBA: MV International School on Monday organized Investiture Ceremony for the session 2022-23, wherein 33 students were inducted into the student's cabinet for the session.

Anuradha Gupta, Deputy Commissioner Samba was the Chief Guest and Special Guest of the event was DySP Priyanka Kumari, SDPO Vijaypur.

The ceremony was also attended by School Directors Gourav Abrol and Aakriti Abrol, parents of students of

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