

# JKILANS shine in district & zonal-level Basketball competitions



JK Public School faculty members felicitating winner teams of District Level Basketball Competitions on Saturday.

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JAMMU: JK Public School Kunjwani made a remarkable victory in the District Level Basketball Competitions held at Jammu University from August 30 to September 1,

2022.

In the U-14 category, Girls Team JKPS Kunjwani won the Trophy after a neck to neck fight with Heritage School. The winners are Eshal Nisar Khan (Captain), Avrid

Shrikul, Sangam Rajput, Anayaaa, Sachleen Kour, Almass, Aliza, Zoha, Amaira Gupta, Amanpreet Kour and Shree Nanda. In the U-17 category, Girls team JKPS Kunjwani bagged Runners Up

Trophy. The team was comprised of Ashna Charak, Shagun Bhagat, Plaksha Gupta, Shagun Rajput, Tavleen Kour, Nupur Vhouthary, Angel Sharma, Ananya Sharma, Iqra, Arshdeep Kour, Malvika

Panjgotra, Arshia Javed and Tanvee.

In the Inter-Zone District level competition held from 25 to 26 Aug 2022, the boys team (U-14) bagged Runners Up Trophy. The team included Zakariya

Rabbani, Vaibhav Choudhary, Achintya, Saksham Gupta, Jai Singh, Vigneshwar, Shub Kamran, Aariz Razaq Divya Pratap, Ketan Bhagat, Karamjyot Singh and Kamaljit Singh. Director of the School,

Shashi Chaudhary and the Principal Rajesh Rathore felicitated the winners in the School assembly. They applauded the School Coach Manoj Kumar and HOD Sports, Subash Chander for train-

ing the students. Principal said, "The hard work and diligence of the students & their coach worked wonders on the teams, as they fought till the very end. Kudos to our champions".

## Jammu's Arun nominated as AIFF Technical Committee member

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JAMMU: Former international player from Jammu, Arun Malhotra has been included in the six-member Technical Committee by the core group of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Saturday.

The high level decision making technical committee is led by IM Vijayan as chairman and included five members, Eugeneseon Lyngdoh, Climax Lawrence, Harjinder Singh, Arun Malhotra and Pinki Bompal as members.

Meanwhile, international coach form J&K, Sajid Yusuf congratulated Arun for the achievement. Member J&K Sports Council, Ranjit Kalra and Everest from J&K, Ram Singh Slathia and member trustee of Arun Sharma Sports and Social Welfare Trust, Ashutosh Sharma congratulated Arun.



A staffer of the ONGC always wanted to work for the game of football back home and this time he has got been assigned with the task to look after AIFF affairs. Important to mention here that Arun

Was promised an assignment in J&K sports by then Advisor to Governor, Vijay Kumar but after he left J&K nothing has been done by the present administration. "I had never expected in my

life such an honour by the AIFF. It was a news for me. My former teammate at Mahinder Club Mumbai, Kalyan Chaubey has got the vision to turnaround the Indian Football. Now, he has the backing of majority of states and the support from the Government too, I'm sure things would be different in couple of years," said Arun while expressing his feelings to Sportsline.

Earlier, a day after the All Indian Football Federation (AIFF) Executive Committee came into being, with former player Kalyan Chaubey as its president, it took its first major decision, appointing Shaji Prabhakaran as the new secretary-general today.

Chaubey chaired his first AIFF Executive Committee meeting at its headquarters, the Football House, and wel-

comed all the new members, including six eminent footballers who were co-opted in the body.

All the executive committee members, including vice-president NA Harris, treasurer Ajay Kipa and the six eminent footballers co-opted in the panel, except Bhaichung Bhutia, were present in the meeting.

Welcoming the members, the Chaubey said, "This is the first time that six former eminent players are part of the committee as per the order of the Honourable Supreme Court. We need to work together, and at no time should any personal ego come as a roadblock on our endeavour to take Indian football forward together. Discipline is the key to success, and we need to be accountable as per the deadlines set."

He proposed Prabhakaran's name as the new secretary-general of the AIFF, which was unanimously approved by all the members. IANS was the first to report on Friday that Prabhakaran was tipped to become the secretary-general.

"Dr. Shaji's previous experience as FIFA Regional Development Officer will bring in new and fresh ideas which will provide the much-needed fillip to Indian Football," said Chaubey.

The Committee, as per the AIFF president's proposal, also unanimously appointed Sunando Dhar as the new deputy secretary-general of the AIFF.

Meanwhile, former India captain Shabbir Ali was unanimously named chairman of the Advisory Committee.

## Ex-Technical Advisor Indian Hockey visits Poonch



Retired SAI Coach, Shanker Basu posing with Hockey players and officials at Poonch.

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POONCH: Retired Sports Authority of India (SAI) coach and former Technical Advisor to Indian Hockey teams (men and women), Shanker Basu in Saturday visited Sports Stadium, here.

The veteran hockey coach interacted with the young hockey trainees of Poonch and congratulated each one of them for being lucky on getting the world class playing facility, in the shape of an Astroturf, at their door steps.

"We are lucky enough to get

such an opportunity to interact an experienced hockey veteran of the country. Today, he encouraged the members, especially those youngsters, of Sham Lal Hockey Club and trainees of Khelo India Hockey Centre at Sports Stadium, Poonch," informed hockey coach and Physical Education Lecturer of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), Pawan Kumar.

Later, Shanker Basu visited the upcoming Hockey Astroturf facility at BHSS

Poonch and interacted with those senior players.

He also remembered the role and contributions of Lt Sham Lal Sharma, former SAI Coach for Poonch in bringing Hockey culture in J&K, especially among girls of district Poonch.

Narjeet Singh (Retd ZPEO and silver medalist), Mukesh Kumar, Navjot Singh (both Hockey Coaches), Kewal Krishan, Sorab Sharma (PEMs) Neeraj Sharma, Harnik Singh (PETs) were among others present.

## Inter-zone Cricket U-17 Boys meet begins at Udhampur



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: Organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), annual inter-zone district level under-17 boys Cricket tournament got underway at Subhash Stadium, here on Saturday.

The event was declared open by district (DYSS) officer, Swaran Singh, who interacted with the teams and their officials. Three

teams from as many zones are participating in this event.

The matches were officiated by the technical panel including Sham Lal, Raj Kumar Gupta, convener Vinod Khajuria, Raj Kumar, Rajesh Sharma, Rakesh Khajuria, Deepika Manhas, Pushpinder Kour, Mulki Raj Jaju, Shakla Devi, Asha Meenakshi, Rishi Sharma, Bandana Sharma, Rakesh,

Ashok Kumar and Sushma Rajput.

Others who were present included Anita Goswami, Som Dev Khajuria, Romesh Chander, Sanjeev Kumar, Jatin Sethi, Vikas Sharma, Sudesh Kumar, Bhoopinder Singh, Angrez Singh, Vipin Photra, Ghanem Akhter, Sanjeev Khajuria, Karun Magotra and Bal Singh (Medical Assistant).

## Sacred Heart College organises lecture on National Education Policy 2020

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JAMMU: Sacred Heart College of Education, Paloura, Jammu on Saturday organized a lecture on 'Implementation of National Education Policy 2020' under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The guest lecturer was delivered by Prof. Sarika Sharma, Dean, School of Education, Head Department Teacher Education, Director IQAC, and former Registrar, Central University of Haryana.

She is also Nodal Officer of the project Azadi Ka

Amrit Mahotsav.

On the arrival of the Prof Sarika Sharma was welcomed by Managing Director- Hari Singh Chib, Principal of the college Dr K.K Tiwari and the staff members namely Jyoti Sharma, Kiran Manhas, Anuradha Manhas, Pooja Rani, Shilpa Puri, Monika Sharma, Swati Koul, Sheetal Khajuria, Sonika, Kirti Sharma, Komal, Nisha Sharma, Vijay Kumar Sharma, Yudhveer Singh, Tarun Vaid and Poli Devi.

The visiting Professor laid stress on quality edu-

cation and discipline in the college. She laid stress on following the guideline of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. She laid stress on cleanliness and proper disposal of domestic waste.

Further She encouraged the students with regard to beautification of the college by way of planting, flowers and ornamental plants.

She told the students the importance of Herbal, Botanical and medicinal plants. Before concluding the lecture, She stressed on recycling and reuse of waste material.

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GUREZ: To celebrate the recently awarded best off-beat tourist destination of India and to enhance and promote tourism to this virgin valley, a Grand Gurez festival was organised here by the Department of Tourism in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora and J&K Academy of Art Culture & Languages on Saturday.

The major attraction of the day-long festival was a Horse Polo match which was played between two teams of local youth. Elders in the area said that it was after around six decades that they have seen a Polo match being played in Gurez again. They appreciated the initiative of the Tourism Department and District Administration for organising and reviving the age-old tradition of Horse Polo in Gurez.

Another special feature of the festival was holding many adventure and water sports activities like Rafting, kayaking, cycling, mountain Biking, trekking besides a



A Horse Polo match in progress at Gurez.

spectacular show of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) for the first time in Gurez.

Performances by artists from JK Academy of Art, Culture and Languages in many dying and shrinking dialects like Sheena, Dardi, Pahari besides other local languages was an eye-catcher for the locals and tourists equally.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Tourism, Dr. G N Itoo said that the Tourism Department has been promoting Gurez through a sustained and coordinated mechanism for the last two years which yielded results recently in the destination being awarded as the best

offbeat tourist spot in the country by a national publication. He hailed the support and coordination by the District administration and local population in making this happen. He urged the youth to participate with full potential in promotion of tourism and local culture of Gurez.

Dr. Itoo said possibilities would be explored to make Gurez an all weather Tourist destination. He stressed on maintaining the age-old tradition of cleanliness and sanitation of Gurez along with development of tourism related activities.

Addressing the gathering,

## Special sports initiative 'My Youth My Pride' attracting best & brightest talents

### J&K athletes shine in North-Zone Athletics Championship held in Haryana

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SRINAGAR: The Sports Council's premiere sports initiative 'My Youth My Pride' is attracting the best and brightest talents besides ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to develop strong skill-set.

Under the programme, the Kashmir division remained abuzz with cricket activities with several cricket tournaments being played. Cricket matches were played at Sheri-Kashmir Stadium Bandipora, Pattan Cricket Field, and Gani Memorial Stadium Rajouri Kadal in downtown Srinagar.

Moreover, the 4-day Ice Stock Championship underway in Gindun Sports Complex Rajbagh entered its third day with competitions in the categories of team games for women, men, girls, and boys played today. While Srinagar and Kupwara districts dominated the day, Bandipora, Baramulla, Pulwama, Poonch, Rajouri and were also added to their vault. The event was thrown open by Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul a few days ago.

Sheikh Riyaz Ahmad, Administrative Officer J&K Sports Council said that more sporting events under the sports initiative My Youth My Pride are in pipeline across the union territory of J&K.

Pertinently during Phase-I of the 'My Youth My Pride' more than 8.5 Lakh youth from across the UT participated, while 13.74 Lakh youth shall be part of the program in Phase-II.

In the meantime, two J&K athletes Abhijeet Singh and Ritik Sharma today brought laurels to the union territory with their performance in the National Northzone Athletics Championship currently underway in Karnal, Haryana. Abhijeet clinched gold in the 100-meter event while Ritik bagged a couple with silver in 5000 meters and a bronze in 1500 meters category.

## DIPR organises cultural programme at MC Khalsa High School

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JAMMU: Cultural Wing of Department of Information & Public Relations on Saturday organized a cultural programme here in MC Khalsa High School.

The School Principal S. Gurminder Singh was the Chief Guest.

Artists of the Cultural Wing and students of the school presented a variety cultural show featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi patriotic Songs



DIPR artists performing during cultural programme.

which were highly appreciat-

ed by the audience.

## Cyber Awareness Camp held at MV International School



Resource person posing with students and faculty members of MVIS.

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SAMBA: To aware the students and staff about the current scenario in relation to cybercrimes and to sensitise them about judicious use of internet and social media,

a Cyber Awareness Camp was organised at MV International School in collaboration with NGO Channel 22 and 91.1 Top FM radio. Mohd Yaseen Kichloo, SSP Security, Civil Secretariat, J&K was the Chief Guest of the event. He shared valuable information about cyber security, latest threats, public percep-

tions, cyber terminology and future challenges that we all might face while using internet and social media.

He added that cyber criminals are way ahead of our thoughts and we all need to be alert and aware; refrain from freebies to avoid bugs and cyber threats was his message to all.

RJ Vandita and RJ Aryan from 91.1 Top FM hosted the event and raised the momentum for the students to share their experiences and ask their questions to the guest speaker.

Galaxy of guests were present to witness the event along with students of classes 9th & 11th of the school.

Neeraj Rakwal (Station Head 91.1 Top FM); Gourav Abrol (Director, MVIS); Shally Kour and Shubham Dalmotra from NGO Channel 22 were present. Cyber pledge was also taken by the gathering. Gourav Abrol thanked the guests for sparing their time to sensitise the students and staff about the core issue that we all might be facing in our day-to-day online activities.