

Secretary Sports Council holds staff meet

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SRINAGAR: To give opportunity to everyone to be part of the evolving sports culture in the union territory of J&K, the Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull on Wednesday convened a meeting of all the managers, coaches, instructors, and mentors of Kashmir division to devise the plans for further expansion of the 'My Youth My Pride' and other activities in the division.

The meeting was also attended by Muzaffar Hussain Wani, Divisional Sports Officer (K) and Sheikh Riyaz Ahmad, Administrative Officer.

In her inaugural address, Nuzhat Gull while taking a cue from the meeting chaired by Chief Secretary J&K a day ago in the civil secretariate Srinagar,



Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull chairing a meeting.

emphasized on participation of all and provided them an opportunity to showcase their talent and chisel it further.

While applauding the efforts of her team, Nuzhat Gull said that the Sports Council has taken a giant leap in increasing the participation of masses in sports across the J&K, adding that the partici-

pation was bare minimum earlier as activities remained restricted to a few urban pockets only and with due focus on creation of requisite infrastructure and holding of sports competitions in rural pockets the number has swelled considerably.

Addressing the participants, Nuzhat Gull said that she is proud of the

efforts of her team, elaborating that by engaging youth in productive activities like sports, their energy is being channelized for good and saved from becoming prey to drug addiction, thereby helping in the creation of 'Nasha Mukta' J&K.

The Secretary Sports Council said that during the last few years, the scenario of

sports in J&K has undergone tremendous transformation and has changed for good. She also said that the government has taken many initiatives for the progress and prosperity of the athletes of J&K.

The Secretary sought a detailed report of the ongoing sports activities and advised all the concerned to percolate the programs under special activities to each block in the division.

The Secretary Sports Council also gave on-the-spot directions to equip sports halls, and gymnasiums and take more athlete welfare and friendly measures.

Meanwhile, Nuzhat Gull also visited the S.K Indoor Hall Complex and interacted with the athletes assuring them of all the support for their training and learning process.

Chiryai Club wins exhibition volleyball match



Participating teams posing for photograph with officials and other dignitaries.

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UDHAMPUR: To promote volleyball in rural area and search the youngest talented players of volleyball, Volleyball Association of District Udhampur on Wednesday organized an exhibition match at Chiryai, 27 km away from Udhampur city.

The match played between Dhamnu Volleyball Club and Chiryai Volleyball Club in which Chiryai Club beat Dhamnu Club by straight 2-0 (25-18, 25-23) sets. On the occasion, Surista Sarpanch Panchayat Dhamnu was the Chief

Guest, Shama Devi Principal HSS Cheryai was the Guest of Honour and other prominent guests from various Panchayats, staff members of Higher Secondary School were also witnessed the match. The Chief Guest distributed the prizes among the winner and runner-up teams. The match was officiated by Jagdish Kumar PET and Akshit Sharma. The match was played under the guidance of Kuldeep Sharma PEM HSS Cheryai and supervision of Ashok Pada President VADU and Amit Chander Singh Secretary.

GCOPE Ganderbal women win KU Cycling event



Winner team posing with dignitaries during prize distribution ceremony.

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JAMMU: Government College of Physical Education (GCOPE) Ganderbal won the overall championship trophy securing all three positions in the Inter-College women's Cycling Championship which was organised by Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, University of Kashmir (KU) today.

As per the reports reaching here, 15 affiliated colleges of the University participated in this event. At the end, Tankeera Majeed, Adfar Hamid and Rabia Riyaz bagged 1st, second and third place respectively.

Earlier, the participants were flagged off by Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Registrar KU from Grand Lalit Palace. He empha-

sised on wider women participation in sports and encouraged them for joining the said competitions in future as well. Later, the winners were felicitated by special guests, Dr. Majid Zaman, Controller of Examination and Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad Zarri, Special Secretary to Vice Chancellor in the presence of Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Dar, Coordinator DPES KU.

Inter-Dist-Div Level U-14 Girls Volleyball Tournament commences in Doda

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DODA: The Inter-District Divisional Level Volleyball Tournament for U-14 year girls commenced on Wednesday here at the Sport Stadium.

The event is being organized by the Youth Services and Sports Department Doda and the tournament shall continue till 5th of October 2023.

The inaugural function was held today with great enthusiasm and passion. With 8 districts of Jammu Division participating in the Volleyball tournament. The Districts of Jammu, Doda, Rajouri, Reasi, Poonch, Kathua, Udhampur and Samba are participating in the grand event.

The grand opening ceremony was attended by



DC Doda, Vishesh Mahajan inaugurating Inter-District Divisional Level Volleyball Tournament.

Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan as the chief guest.

Accompanying him as the guest of honour was SSP, Abdul Qayoom. The welcome address was delivered by the DYSSO, Jaffer Haider Sheikh. He gave details of the competitions that are being organised by the District

Youth Services and Sports Office Doda.

A colourful cultural programme was also presented by the students which mesmerized the audience with the beautiful dance performances.

The DC, while speaking at the opening ceremony, said that the participation of the girl players in

the tournament will strengthen their willpower. He urged the District Youth Services and Sports department to take the participating girl players to some beautiful locations of the district Doda to familiarize them with the beautiful and historic spots of the area. The DC also interacted with the

volleyball players and wished them best of luck.

The pledge for sportsmanship spirit and loyalty towards the sports was also taken up by the sport officials and participating players.

The tournament began with a match between Kathua and Poonch volleyball teams. The Deputy Commissioner Doda and SSP Doda also joined the first playing match between Kathua and Poonch with beautiful services.

The event's inauguration marked the beginning of an exciting and competitive journey for young female volleyball players from across all districts of Jammu Division. The tournament promises spirited matches and a grand show of the talent of the aspiring athletes.

J&K shooter Aneasha in Indian team for Asian Champ

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JAMMU: Aneasha Sharma brought laurels to J&K after she got selected in the prestigious Asian Shooting Championship to be held at Changwon in Korea from October 22 to November two.

"Mission Olympic Shooting Academy thrilled to announce the remarkable achievement of Aneasha Sharma, a rising star in the world of shooting sports. Aneasha created history by becoming first shooter from J&K to represent India in the Asian Shooting Championship," informed



coach, Vishal Mehra.

Aneasha Sharma, with her exceptional shooting skills and unwavering dedication, has emerged as one of the most promising talents in the world

of shooting sports, he added.

Aneasha's selection for the Asian Shooting Championship was based on National ranking with an average score of 627.6 from past one year. The selection list has been declared by National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

She (Aneasha) will represent India in the 10 meters Air Rifle event in Youth Women category.

A prestigious event, the Asian Shooting Championship attracts top shooters from across the Asian continent. Aneasha Sharma will compete

with some of the finest world class shooters in the region, showcasing her prowess and striving for excellence.

She has been training under the guidance of coaches, Vishal Mehra and Aman Singh. Aneasha has not only demonstrated remarkable talent but has also been an inspiration to aspiring shooters in our country.

Meanwhile, SS Sodhi, president JKRA along with Kuldeep Jamwal, chairman JKRA and Sharat Chander Singh, CEO JKRA extended best wishes to Aneasha Sharma for the Asian Shooting Championship 2023.

Senior volleyball team selection trials from on Sept 16 at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Volleyball Association of District Udhampur conducting the selection trials of senior volleyball team for men on September 16 and 17, 2023 at Mini Stadium Udhampur at 3:00 PM. All the president and secretary of affiliated clubs send interested players for trials besides extraordinary players of area are also taking part in trials. For any query, interested players to contact Ashok Pada 9149470556, Pawan Kumar 9419251528 and Amit Chander Singh 9596969007.

Soumili of JKPS Panjtirthi wins 1st prize under Sub Junior category in Dance C'ship

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JAMMU: White Angels Studio organised Dance Championship of Jammu Season-2 where students from various schools participated.

Among all, Soumili Sahoo of class 6th of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi won the cash prize of Rs 7000 (1st Prize) under Sub Junior category. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah congratulated the jakeian and expressed, "Dance is the conversation of the body with the soul. In its true sense, dance is not just a good form of exercise, but is also a great source for boosting creativity, imagination, confidence and focus of young hearts."

She advised the jakeian to keep practicing and do well in future too.



Principal JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah felicitating winner Soumili Sahoo.

District Rajouri volleyball championship for men begins



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries and officials.

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RAJOURI: District Rajouri Volleyball Association under the banner of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir and sponsorship of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council organised District Rajouri Volleyball Championship at Sports Stadium, here on Wednesday. A total of 13 teams from across the district participating in the championship which was declared open by the chief guest, Mohd Mudassar, DySP Hq Rajouri. He appreciated the efforts of volleyball association for promoting games and sports particularly volleyball in the remote and border areas of Jammu and Kashmir. He asked the players to avoid the bad habits particularly drugs.

He also appreciated the efforts of Mohd Tariq in

the society and ensure every support from the administration.

Others present were Mohd Hanif Khan Retd. ZPEO, Shabir Ahmed Supervisor Sports Stadium Rajouri, Khalid Hussain and Dr. Asan Qureshi. Today's results: Seven Star Samote beat Dharamshala 2-0 (25-14, 25-18), Dangri beat Khan Club Manjakote 2-1 (11-25, 25-23, 15-11), Asan Club beat Shikh Club 2-0 (25-14, 25-18), Drahal Club beat Dangri 2-0 (25-15, 25-18), Zaaheer Club beat Alfa Club Samote 2-0 (25-23, 25-19), Asan Club beat Seven Star Samote 2-1 (25-17, 23-25, 15-7), and Choudhary Club beat Zaaheer Club 2-1 (25-20, 18-25, 15-9).

Today's matches were officiated by Shabir Ahmed, Jameel Ahmed, Sajjad Majid, Farhat Khan and Azhar Shah.

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REWARI: The Jammu Kashmir Lagori team has made an unforgettable mark in the sports world by representing their state for the first time at the 10th Lagori National Championship held in Rewari, Haryana.

Despite being newcomers to the national stage, the team displayed exceptional talent and received an overwhelming response from both spectators and fellow participants, setting the stage for their potential participation in the upcoming national games in Goa.

HPS girls help Purmandal win U-19 Volleyball title



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JAMMU: Girls under-19 team of Humanity Public School (HPS) Bassi Kalan in Bari Brahmana area of district Samba brought laurels to the institution by playing a key role in Purmandal zone victory in the inter-zonal district level Volleyball competition, which was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Sports Stadium, Samba. Representing Zone Purmandal, five girls from HPS, Anuradha, Sanjana Yadav, Pooja Verna (all 12th), Palak Lichali and Priya Sharma (both 11th) were felicitated by the school management for their success. In the final, Zone Purmandal defeated Zone Vijaypur 22-11. Subsequently, the team shall now represent district Samba in the upcoming Inter-District Division level competition.

Meanwhile, sports incharge of the school, Mr Mahan said that entire school and parents were delighted with the performance. The Principal of the School, Gaurav Charak said, "We are overjoyed at the success of our budding players. To emerge winners in the zone implies that our sports program, which we take great pride in, is bearing well-deserved fruit. Our congratulations to sports incharge, Mahan and coach of the team". Vice Principal, Anku Charak also congratulated the players and conveyed here gratitude to the parents for allowing their wards to adopt sports.



J&K Lagori team posing for photograph.

Under the expert guidance of Pawan Singh, the Jammu Kashmir team showcased outstanding sportsmanship, determination, and team-

work throughout the championship. The team comprised a group of dedicated and passionate athletes who gave their best on the field.

67th National School Games: J&K to host Nationals in four games

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SRINAGAR: A preliminary meeting regarding hosting of 67th National School Games in the Disciplines of Football, Volleyball, Judo and Fencing was convened on Wednesday by the Director Youth Services & Sports J&K in his office chamber here.

It was decided that all the arrangements will be made in advance for the smooth and successful conduct of the important sports event.

The Department of Youth Services and Sports under the aegis of School Games Federation of India shall host these 4 National level events in Football for under 19 Boys and



Volleyball for under 17 boys at Srinagar.

Simultaneously in the sports discipline of Judo for U/14 Boys/Girls and in the discipline of Fencing for U/19 Boys/Girls at Jammu as per the calendar of School Games Federation of

India (SGFI).

Expectedly teams from all the 44 SGFI affiliated units from different states/UTs and organisations shall participate in each discipline.

"The Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K has geared up its manpower and machinery for the successful conduct of the event. Around 4000 participants across the country are going to participate in these events" Director YS&S said. Joint Director Kashmir Waseem Raja, District Youth Services & Sports Officers and section in-charges of various sections of the Directorate of YSS were also present in the meeting.