

# J&K Tourism Deptt unveils PGTI tourney

## Kapil Dev features in launch event at IHC New Delhi



Vice President PGTI tournament, Kapil Dev addressing a press conference at New Delhi. Amarjeet Singh, Special Secretary Tourism Department, J&K UT and others also present.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Following the resounding success of the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting and remarkable growth in the tourism sector, the Jammu and Kashmir Government, under the leadership of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, is steadfastly committed to showcasing the rich tapestry of tourism offerings from the region on the global stage.

The Department of Tourism, headed by Secretary Tourism, Dr. Abid Rasheed Shah, proudly announces the 3rd Edition of the J&K Open Golf Tournament, in partnership with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the official governing body of professional golf in India.

The grand launch event at the India Habitat Centre (IHC), New Delhi, was graced on Tuesday by the

presence of cricketing legend and Vice President of PGTI, Kapil Dev.

During the press conference unveiling the upcoming PGTI tournament, Kapil Dev expressed his delight at J&K Tourism's collaboration with PGTI, highlighting how this partnership will provide additional playing opportunities for Indian professional golfers. He emphasized the tournament's role in promoting tourism in Jammu and Kashmir and passionately encouraged the media to visit and witness the remarkable transformations taking place in the region.

Kapil Dev underscored the need to bolster golf tourism in this stunning region, shedding light on the incredible opportunities it offers to golf enthusiasts and travellers alike.

Participating in the press conference, Amarjeet Singh,

Special Secretary to the Government Tourism Department, shed light on the burgeoning Golf Tourism sector, emphasizing its significance in the broader tourism landscape. He provided an overview of the evolving Tourism Scenario, especially in the wake of the successful 3rd Tourism Working Group Meeting in J&K.

Singh emphasized the UT Government's unwavering commitment to promoting all the tourism products of Jammu & Kashmir and highlighted how this event serves as a platform to project J&K as a favoured destination for Golf Tourism for both business and leisure travellers from around the world. He stressed that the J&K Government is eager to engage in mutually beneficial partnerships with professional organizations for the comprehensive development of the tourism sector, recognizing its pivotal role in the regional economy.

Manav Gupta, Secretary of Jammu Tawi Golf Course, assured that the course is fully prepared to host this prestigious event for the second consecutive year, from October 4th to 7th, with a Pro Am event on October 8th. He guaranteed the provision of the best possible playing conditions, promising an unparalleled experience for the participating golfers at JTGC. Gupta highlighted how the J&K Open is poised to become a significant fixture on the global golfing calendar, showcasing the region's potential as a premier golfing destination.

Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO of PGTI, enthusiastically stated, "The third edition of the J&K Open, presented by

J&K Tourism, is one of the most eagerly anticipated tournaments of the 2023 PGTI Season. Professional golfers have cherished memories of playing at the magnificent Jammu Tawi Golf Course, having inaugurated it last year. Tournaments like these are instrumental in bolstering Golf Tourism in J&K. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to J&K Tourism and Jammu Tawi Golf Course for their continued support, which has led to an enhanced prize purse this year. We are thrilled about another thrilling week of golf amidst the captivating surroundings of J&K."

The J&K Open promises to be an unforgettable gathering of top Indian golf professionals and international talents. The event will feature celebrated players such as Udayan Mane, Rashid Khan, defending champion Yuvraj Singh Sandhu, and former champion Honey Baisoya, alongside more than 120 national and international participants. The convergence of world-class golfing facilities, stunning natural beauty, and the endorsement of cricketing icon Kapil Dev has set the stage for an exciting future in golf tourism for Jammu and Kashmir.

# Gandhi Jayanti celebrated in Govt SPMR College of Commerce



Govt SPMR College of Commerce students and faculty posing for a photograph.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated in PG Department of Commerce (M.COM) Government SPMR College of Commerce on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, the College Principal Prof. Surinder Kumar enlightened the students about the pivotal role of Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom movement, his principles and legacy. He further acquainted the students about various career options available after completion of PG course and appreciated the coordinated efforts of teachers and students for organizing such an event.

A series of activities were conducted to commemorate the occasion. The first activity

was an Essay writing competition on the topic "Relevance of Gandhian Principles in today's world." The first position was bagged by Purvi Gupta (4th Sem), followed by Taniya Sharma (2nd Sem) and Ashav Kumar (4th Sem) at second position and Surbhi Vaid (4th Sem), Jasmine Bharti and Iqra (2nd Sem) at third position.

Second activity performed was Collage making on the topic "Life lessons of Gandhi Ji" in which first position was secured by Pushp Preet Kour (2nd Sem), second position by Rupali Manhas (4th Sem) and third position by Rahul Ahirvar and Simran Bandral (4th Sem).

And the last activity was a Singing contest on

"Patriotism" in which first position was obtained by Maheshwar Sing Chib (2nd Sem), followed by Tania Chib at second place (4th Sem), and Riya Mehra (4th Sem) at the third place. Consolation prize was given to Kartik Kohli (4th Sem).

All these activities filled the atmosphere with reverence and inspiration. The faculty members present at the event were Prof. Barbara Kaul (HOD Commerce), Dr. Monika Malhotra (IQAC Convenor), Dr. Sakshi Sharma (HOD M.Com), Dr. Kanwaljeet Kaur and Dr. Ramandeep Kour. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Aayushi Jain (2nd Sem) under the guidance of Dr. Sakshi Sharma.

# YS&S organises Inter Zone Distt Level Kabaddi competition for boys



A kabaddi match in progress at Ganderbal on Tuesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GANDERBAL: The Youth Services and Sports (YS&S) department Ganderbal on Tuesday organized a spectacular Inter Zone District level Kabaddi competition for Boys at GCOPE Gadoora Ganderbal.

The event saw the enthusiastic participation of 124

student players from all four Zones of the district. The officials and the student players took a Panch Pran Pledge before the commencement of the event.

The competition unfolded with fervor and intensity shining a spotlight on the remarkable athletic prowess of these young participants.

The efforts of the meritorious teams were recognized by the senior officials of the department by felicitating them with the well-deserved trophies after the culmination of the activity.

Sports events like these play a crucial role in promoting fitness and teamwork among students.

# Jodhamal School hosts National Competition of American Field Service

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School organised a National Event themed 'Colours of India', in collaboration with, American Field Service (AFS), India Chapter.

More than 60 AFS Member Schools participated in the Online extravaganza with great zeal.

The event organized by Jodhamal Public School had two categories: The Junior Category comprising Classes 9 & 10 had the Cultural Cuisine Fest in which participating students prepared and presented the delectable cuisines of various parts of the country.

The Senior Category comprising Classes 11 & 12 observed the Fiesta Festival Competition in which the participants designed the culture of different cultures.

Students from both categories submitted their videos



students of Jodhamal Public School during national event themed 'Colours of India'.

to the host school based upon which a team of jury selected the best presentations.

The videos, received in large numbers from participating schools, were creative and informative, each showcasing the best cuisine and culture of

Evyavan Upadhyay, Punyajit Mishra, Bibhanshu Mishra, Shivakshi Dixit, Tejaswee Patnaik, Abheek Sharma, and Satavisha Das (2) Children's Academy, Ashok Nagar, Mumbai; Netra Ayare, Prisha Sule, Saanvi Patil, and Siya Prabhu (3) Mansukhbhai Kothari National School, Pune; Deepal Srivastav, Bhavika Garg, Bhavana Agrawal, Prathik Jadhav, Dhruv Devadiga, and Deanne Lazarus (4) Delhi Public School, Kolar Road, Bhopal; Shashwat Singh, Srishti Negi, Harshika Saxena, Naman Johri, Aarushi Nigam, Advay Singh Yadav, Harshita Patharia, Aarya Sharma, and Mishra Baniya (5) IBS Public School, Bhopal; Aamna Ali, Mahi Shrivastav, Namrata Ben, Manya Katarre, and Pallavi Sisodiya (6) VidyaSagar School, Indore; Riddhima

Phadke, Sagarika Manjrekar, and Namita Pandey. The dignitaries who attended the Result Declaration Ceremony were Dr. Sumer Singh, former Principal, The Daly College, Indore, and an eminent educationist, Ms. Sarita Badhwar, AFS International Programmes In-Charge and Learning Trainer, Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee, Jodhamal Public School and Principals, teachers and students of participating schools.

Principal Girish Kumar welcomed all dignitaries in his welcome speech and highlighted the importance of such cultural transactions in students' lives. Neetu Johri, AFS Coordinator, delivered the vote of thanks.

# Provincial Level Volleyball Competition for U-19 Girls begins in Doda

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: To promote awareness about the sport activities, the district Youth Services and Sports Department Doda organized the week-long inter-district provincial level volleyball competition for under 14, 17 and 19 girls. The U19 girls competition kicked off on Tuesday at the beautiful sports Stadium, Doda under the supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer, Jaffar Haider Sheikh.

The competition began after the successful conclusion of the under 14 and under 17 Girls category yesterday.

Today, the spotlight shifted to the under 19 girls' category,



Participating teams posing with dignitaries.

where teams from almost all districts of the Jammu province except Ramban and Kishtwar showcased their skills.

The event was inaugurated with grandeur by Pran Singh, Additional District Development

Commissioner. Joining him were Jaffer Haider, District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO) Doda Neeta Manhas, I/c ZPEO Bhalla.

In his inspirational address, the ADDC encouraged participants, emphasizing the significance of sports in the development of youth. He extended his warm and best wishes to the participants for their future endeavors and commended the Department of Youth Services & Sports, Doda, for organizing this event in a unique and engaging manner.

Before the matches commenced, all dignitaries, officials, and participants united to take the sports pledge, reinforcing the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. As the competition progressed, one district Udhampur emerged as semifinals by beating Poonch set to compete tomorrow at the same venue with the other semi finalists.

# Shiksha Niketan School celebrates Ganesh Chaturthi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, celebrated the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi with religious grandeur and devotion. To seek the blessings of Bhagvan Ganesha, Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated by the students of Primary wing in the school premises. An eco-friendly idol of Bhagvan Ganesha was consecrated in the school premises and the celebration started with the traditional lamp lighting and Aarti.

The little Dancing stars rocked on the melody of Ganesha songs. Children also showcased skits depicting the importance of Bhagvan Vinayaka. Principal of the School, Rameshwar Mengi and the guests Daljeet Singh



Shiksha Niketan School celebrating at Ganesh Chaturthi.

Principal of Tiny Tots School and Principal, Ram Murti of Blooming Dale Nanak Nagar Jammu, were impressed upon the staff members especially the teachers to encourage the students to remain connected with their religions and cultural positive traditions to lead the life of purity and sanctity.

Harish Sharma, the

# Gandhi Nagar girls win U-19 Basketball title

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Gandhi Nagar Zone bagged girls under-19 Basketball trophy in the inter-zone competitions of district Jammu, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Shastri Nagar playfields, here on Tuesday. In the title clash, Gandhi Nagar blanked Satvaree Zone to make it virtually a one-sided contest.

Meanwhile, boys under-19 cricket tournament was in progress at Khel Gaon Nagrota, near here today. In today's scheduled matches, Zone Bhalwal defeated Zone Khour by 35 runs. Batting first, Bhalwal made 109 runs for two wickets which in reply, Khour could not chase and exhausted their quota of overs for 74 runs losing six wickets.

In other scheduled matches, Gandhi Nagar Zone trounced zone Arnia by 108 while Zone Gandhi Nagar defeated Zone Arnia by 78 runs.

# Divisional level Volleyball, Hockey meet begins at Poonch

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), the inter-district Divisional level Volleyball and Hockey events in under-17 boys category started on Tuesday at different venues, here.

The competition declared open by District Youth Services and Sports Officer Poonch, Mohd Qasim at



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries and officials at Poonch on Tuesday.

Sports Stadium, here in the presence of guest of honour, Principal BHSS Poonch, Rupinder Kour.

# Baramulla triumphs in U-17 Girls Handball Championship

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: The week-long inter-district provincial-level handball competition, showcasing the talents of athletes across all age groups, continued to captivate spectators at the Indoor Stadium in Baramulla.

Today marked the conclusion of the Under 17 Girls' competition, featuring an intense final match between District Baramulla and District



Winner team posing for a photograph with dignitaries after receiving trophy.

Bandipora. In a stunning display of skill and determination, District Baramulla emerged victorious once again, following their earlier triumph in the Under 14

category. The final ceremony was graced by guests, including Jatinder Singh, District Youth Services & Sports Officer of Baramulla, alongside the Manager of Sports Council Baramulla and the Zonal Physical Education Officers of the department. Jatinder Singh, DYSSO Baramulla, extended heartfelt congratulations to the Baramulla district team for their impressive victory and wished them continued success in future competitions. He awarded both participating teams with certificates and trophies in recognition of their outstanding performance.

# DPS Jammu students bag gold medals in distt level badminton championship

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by winning gold medals in Inter-School District level Badminton Championship organized by District Youth Services and Sports held at M.A Stadium, Jammu from September 12 to 15, 2023.

Prabnoet Kour (XII-A) won gold medal in U-19 age category; Yashaswini Anit Pandoh (IX-A) bagged gold medal in U-17 age category; Hunnarpreet Kour (VII-K) got gold medal in U-14 age category; and Divyot Kour (VIII-i) grabbed gold medal in U-14 age category. Further, all the winners have also been selected for Inter-Division level championship to be held later. The management of DPS Jammu including President-RCT, Ajjatshatru Singh, Pro VC-Dr. Ritu Singh, Director-S.S Sodhi along with Principal-Ruchi Chhabra congratulated all the winners, their parents and coach, Amar Jyoti Sharma for his support. They also extended their best wishes for all their future endeavours. Headmistress, Meenu Gupta too lauded them.



Medal winner students of DPS Jammu.