

Jammu Tawi Golf Course to host PGTI from Oct 4

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JAMMU: Jammu Tawi Golf Course is all set to host the prestigious Professional Golf Tournament in India (PGTI), under the overall patronage of J&K Tourism Department.

About 126 professional international golfers from different parts of India and abroad are visiting the Jammu City for five-day Golf tournament, teeing off from 4th October this year and concluding on 8th of October.

Briefing the media on the occasion of formal announcement of 2nd leg of this distinguishable event, the Director Tourism Vivekanand Rai on Saturday said that the tournament will not only exploit the potential of local and budding golfers but will also provide opportunity to them in learning the skills vis-à-vis bringing a boom in the tourism sector. He further elaborated that it is a matter of great pride to host such a prestigious event at the Jammu Tawi Golf Course and it shall be a grand tournament of the prevailing international standards.

The Director Tourism Jammu further stated that the government is giving special impetus to golf tourism and this tournament shall surely be resourceful in meeting our aspirations and helping us to attract more tourists in Jammu region for



Director Tourism Vivekanand Rai addressing a press conference at Jammu on Saturday.

which the administration is taking adequate steps and initiatives in this regard. He was joined by Special Secretary Tourism Department S. Amarjeet Singh, Joint Director Jammu Tourism Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Secretary JTGC Manav Gupta and PGTI representative Vikas.

Briefing the media at Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Special Secretary Tourism Department Amarjeet Singh said that it is an honour for the Tourism Department to host the second edition of the PGTI at Jammu from October 4 that will conclude on October 8 with a Pro Am event. He further added that 126 golfers of national and international repute will participate in the prestigious event and expressed his commitment towards promoting Golf Tourism in J&K which boasts of five international standard golf courses. Such international events help to tap the potential of tourism

of J&K and the international participants are not only our guests but also our brand ambassadors across the country and the world, thereby spreading the message of our Hospitality and professionalism.

Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Sunaina Mehta revealed that the Jammu Tourism has also planned a 'Dogri Food Festival' for the golfers and the participants so that being in Jammu they could relish the local cuisines and get to know about the culture and traditions of this place. She added that the Golfers shall be given a tour of Jammu City and our rich cultural heritage shall be introduced to them with presentation of local products so that they become our tourism brand ambassadors all over the world. She also elaborated the media personnel that the Golfers shall be taken to our heritage sites, Suchetgarh Retreat Ceremony showcasing Border Tourism potential of

the area, Musical Fountain at Bahu Fort along with Jammu Ropeway Station across Bahu-Mohmaya-Peer Kho, different pilgrimage sites like Raghunath Ji Temple, Jhiri Temple, Tirupati Temple, and also shall be taken for Paragliding rides at Aithem and fun rides at Surinsar along with Wildlife exposure trip to Jambu Zoo, Surinsar-Mansar. She also said that cultural exhibitions displaying local art, craft, paintings, handloom products shall also be an added feature during this five days International Golfing Bonanza at Jammu City.

Secretary, JTGC, Manav Gupta said that the event likewise previous year is going to be a game changer for professional and budding golfers in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the Jammu Tawi Golf Course is an 18-hole course of international standard spread in 1400 kanals and the PGTI (controlling body of

Professional Golf Tour in India) team last year after inspection, declared the venue fit and expressed their willingness for this international event at our Golf Course. He also added that this event will help Jammu scale new heights in terms of emerging as a favoured Golfing Destination for national and international players, and it's scenic beauty surrounded by heritage structures like Amar Mahal, Mubarak Mandi and Bahu Fort, the rich flora of the JTGC has created an ecological niche, alluring golfers to come and play here. Mr. Gupta said that few pre-events to involve the local population into the golf are also being planned before the PGTI matches to motivate and inspire them for the participation in the game.

PGTI representative interacted with the media and expressed his satisfaction with the golfing conditions at Jammu Tawi Golf Course and also added that the hospitality of Jammu people in 2022 was remarkable and that the Golfers are eager to come here again this year and play at this golf course of international standard. He also appealed to the locals especially Golfing enthusiasts to be part of the event and be good spectators and cheer leaders for the participants.

Jammu Sahodaya Science Exhibition hosted by RM Public School

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JAMMU: RM Public School on Saturday hosted Jammu Sahodaya Science Exhibition on the theme 'Eco Innovations'. In all, 31 schools from Jammu and nearby regions displayed an array of projects conceived by the young minds. Two categories were specifically created displaying junior wing (classes 6th to 8th) and Senior wing (classes 9th to 12th).

The occasion was graced by eminent judges Dr. Utsav Sharma Prof. Head Division of Veterinary Gynae and Obstetrics, Surjit Singh Chib Lecturer in Biology and Sheetal Gupta Government Lecturer who gave valuable inputs to the students.

Rajesh Rathore, President Jammu Sahodaya School Complex & Principal JKPS Kunjwani; Dr. Meenakshi Kilam-Director Quality Assurance Jammu University; Col. Anil Pandit-Commandant 213 Transit Camp, Dr. Rohini Aima-Principal -cum-Vice Chairman Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu were the distinguished guests for the event.



President JSSC & Principal JKPS Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore with other dignitaries at a exhibition.

They motivated the students and applauded their presentation.

Chairman Rameshwar Mengi in his address emphasized upon the importance of science in our daily lives and expressed his belief that it is the reason for our existence in today's day and age.

Addressing the media people, Rajesh Rathore, President JSSC & Principal JKPS Kunjwani appreciated the spirit of inquiry & exploration exhibited by the students from all the participating schools.

He expressed his immense faith in the capability of this generation.

"The successful landing of Vikram lander on the lunar

South pole has filled our youngsters with great hope and unflinching self-belief. No power on this planet can stop the commanding steps of our youth from reaching their dream destination", he summed up.

Chairman RMPS announced the winners. First prize was bagged by R M Public School for Junior and Senior category; Second prize was given to Shaurya International School for Junior and Senior category; and third prize was given to Jammu Sanskriti School in Junior category and APS Ratnuchak in Senior category. Consolation prizes were also distributed to motivate the students.

Inter School Dist-level U/19 sports competition held

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RAMBAN: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Ramban has organized a series of exhilarating sports activities as part of the Annual calendar.

The events showcased the energy and enthusiasm of the youth, further promoting the spirit of sportsmanship and healthy competition.

In continuation to the same, 2-day Inter School District level Competitions for Boys and Girls u/19 in the discipline Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Chess, Carrom, Volleyball & Tug-of-war was conducted here at District Police Lines.

District Youth Sports and Officer Dharam Veer Chib inaugurated the competitions along with the other field officials of the district. A huge number of students from Government and private schools participated in the mega event.

The competition witnessed the participation of talented individuals, with 292 students on the first day of the competition. The 2nd day witnessed the competitions of Carrom, Chess, Kho Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball & Tug-of-war for the U-19 boys representing 6 zones of the district.

The young players displayed exceptional skills and determination throughout the event, which culminated with a grand medal ceremony, felicitating the meritorious student players for their outstanding performances by the dignitaries.



Participating teams posing for a photograph.

Jodhamal student excels in National Championship

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JAMMU: Raveena Jangid, a class 11 student of Jodhamal Public School Jammu, put up an excellent performance in the recently held India Open Competition Air Weapon 2023 held at Bhopal (MP).

Raveena participated in both the Junior and Senior team events and was a member of J&K Team in



Jodhamal Public School student after receiving medal.

Inter school zonal level tournament begins at Basohli



Chief Guest conducting toss during a cricket match at Basohli.

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KATHUA: Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua organized inter school zonal level tournament u/19 years boys and girls at zone Basohli with the directions of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua Sunil Kumar under the overall supervision of Incharge

Zonal Physical Education Officer Tara Singh along with field staff zone Basohli. The competition was inaugurated by the Principal of Govt. Model Hr Sec School Basohli, Lalit Kumar Sharma.

Five Higher Secondary schools of Zone Basohli took part in different discipline and almost 131 boys partici-

Khelo India Women Weightlifting League held



Winner players posing for a photograph with officials at Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Weightlifting Association on Saturday organised first of its kind Khelo India Women League in the Union Territory of J&K. However, the organisers got an encouraging response with around 50 women took part in the day-long event which held at Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here.

Since the competition was organised with the sole aim to involve womenfolk in the game of Weightlifting, the event was an initiative of the Sports Authority of India (SAI).

Those best among the participants were awarded with medals and certificates by the

chief guest, Akshi Gupta, Under Secretary to the Government, Department of Industries and Commerce. She spent quality time with the armature lifters and witnessed their performance.

Earlier, the event was declared open by Chief Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council, Mohd Hanief in the presence of Divisional Sports Officer, Ashok Singh, Daljit Singh (National medalist and DySP with J&K Police), president of the Association, Harbhajan Singh.

Later, general secretary of the Association, Yudhvir Singh expressed his thanks to the visiting guests, participants and the members of the organising team.

The Results:

SENIOR: 64 kg: Salbeena Aslam, Ist; Manavi Katal, 2nd and Anjali Sharma, 3rd. 71 kg: Kavya Sharma, Ist and Riya Kumari, 2nd. 59 kg: Ritika, Ist; Shakshi Sharma, 2nd and Lakshmi Dogra, 3rd. 81 kg: Akam Kour, Ist. 87 kg: Nandani Sharma, Ist and Jiya Choudhary, 2nd. Plus 87 kg: Muskan Bhat, Ist; Sharon James, 2nd and Prachi Gupta, 3rd.

YOUTH: 40 kg: Kiran Devi, Ist and Jannu Devi, 2nd. 45 kg: Sania Devi, Ist and Vishali Devi, 2nd. 49 kg: Navika Sharma, Ist and Sadiya Tabasum, 2nd. 71 kg: Anya Rakwal, Ist; Zikra Parvaiz, 2nd and Gurpreet Kour, 3rd. 76 kg: Kaushki Sharma, Ist; Manya Rakwal, 2nd and Liza, 3rd.

both the categories. In Senior Women Rifle Category, the J&K team Silver Medal. In Junior Woman Rifle Category, the J&K team won gold medal. Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee, Arati Kuthiala, Director, Girish Kumar, Principal and Shefali Sanwal, Vice Principal extended hearty congratulations to Raveena for her outstanding achievement.

Gurdeep appointed President, Rajinder Sr VP of Hockey J&K

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JAMMU: Gurdeep Singh Sangral has been as appointed President and Rajinder Koul as Senior Vice President of Hockey J&K. The decision was made during a executive board meeting, here. The entire Hockey J&K community extended their warmest congratulations to these dedicated individuals. "With these new leaders at the forefront, the future of hockey in Jammu and Kashmir is shining with renewed hope, and the organization eagerly anticipates positive developments in the sport's growth in the region," Hockey J&K community said and added that Hockey J&K has decided to start district level activities in various districts of J&K U.T shortly. Hockey J&K Executive body emphasized to approach government for providing all the necessary facilities to boost this game in JKUT.

University/College Level Sports Festival concludes at GCOPE

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GANDERBAL: University/College Level Sports Festival 2023 (Edition 2nd) which was being held at Government College of Physical Education (GCOPE) has concluded with closing ceremony at college campus on Saturday here.

It was a five-day event which started on August 29, 2023 where four universities and 33 colleges of Kashmir Province participated with 3500 participants.

The festival quantified a remarkable fusion of 10 events comprising of Football (Men), Volleyball (Men & Women), Basketball (Men), Handball (Men), Kho-Kho (Women), Table-Tennis (Women), Tug-of-War (Men & Women) and Cultural Programme Rouff. GCOPE bagged seven trophies in Handball (Men), Basketball (men), Volleyball (women), Table-Tennis (Women), Kho-Kho (Women), Tug-of-war (men) and Cultural Programme Rouff.

In Football (men), GDC Pattan was victorious. In Tug-of-war (women), GDC Ganderbal was declared conquerors. In Football (men), GDC Pattan bagged the 1st, Government Degree College Ganderbal got 2nd and Government Degree College Baramulla got the 3rd position.

In Table-Tennis (women), GCOPE got 1st, Government College of Engineering & Technology



Participating volleyball teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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In Volleyball (men), GDC Bijbhara got 3rd position. In Handball (men), GCOPE Ganderbal got 1st, Government Degree College Baramulla got 2nd and Government Degree College Sumbal got 3rd positions.

In Tug-of-War (women), GDC Ganderbal acquired 1st, GCOPE Ganderbal attained 2nd & GDC Women's Zakura got 3rd positions. Earlier, in Cultural Programme (Rouff), GCOPE Ganderbal bagged 1st, Government Degree College Hajin got 2nd and 3rd position was shared by Government Degree College Pattan and Government Women's College MA Road Srinagar.

Closing cum prize distribution ceremony was held at College Campus. Nuzhat Ishfaq, Chairperson DDC Ganderbal was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Additional District Development Commissioner, Chief Education Officer, Chief Planning Officer, District Treasury Officer and ARTO of District

got 2nd and GDC Pulwama got 3rd positions. In Kho-Kho (women), GCOPE Ganderbal bagged 1st, Women's College M A Road Srinagar got 2nd and Government Degree College Sumbal got 3rd positions.

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Ganderbal were graced with Guests of Honour. Moreover, Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Kashmir, Principal Degree College Ganderbal, Principal Women's College M A Road and Principal GDC Women's Sopore were among the dignitaries honoured by the Guest of Honour award.

Media Coordinator of the Department of YSS Azhar Hajini along with TV Journalist Iqra Akhoun conducted proceedings of the glittering valedictory ceremony of the Festival. The event witnessed other dignitaries of Department of YS&S and various other departments of District Ganderbal.

Chairperson, DDC Ganderbal distributed the prizes among the winners. The 10 Winner-up, 10 Runner-up and 10 Hard-liner teams were awarded with Cash Prizes (1st - Rs 10000/-, 2nd - Rs. 7000/-, 3rd - Rs.3000/-, in Table-Tennis 1st - Rs 5000/-, 2nd - Rs. 3000/-, 3rd - Rs.2000/-) and Trophies accordingly.