

JKPPS Bemina celebrates Annual Sports Day

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SRINAGAR: JK Police Public School (JKPPS), Bemina Srinagar, celebrated its Annual Sports Day. The event was graced by Chairperson of J&K Police Wives Welfare Association (PWWA), Prof Rasmita Das Swain, Inspector General of Police Sujit Kumar, Principal Snigdha Singh Chauhan, and Vice Principal Pragati Pandey.

The day was filled with a variety of sports events that saw active participation from students across different grades, highlighting their athletic skills and team spirit.

In their addresses, all the dignitaries spoke on the importance of sports in a stu-



Chairperson J&K PWWA, Prof Rasmita Das Swain witnessing chess match at JKPPS Bemina.

dent's life, emphasizing how participation in sports contributes to the overall development of an individual.

Prof Rashmi highlighted

the value of sports in building character, resilience, and teamwork. She encouraged students to actively partici-

pate in sports, alongside their academic pursuits. IGP Sujit Kumar also stressed the significance of physical fitness and its direct impact on mental well-being. He urged the students to embrace sports as a vital part of their daily lives, reminding them that a healthy body is key to a healthy mind.

Principal Snigdha Singh Chauhan reiterated the school's dedication to promoting sports and physical education. She encouraged teachers to continuously motivate students to engage in sports, as it plays a crucial role in their growth and development.

She further expressed her

gratitude to the entire sports faculty for their relentless efforts and dedication, acknowledging that their teamwork and commitment were pivotal in making the event a grand success.

Vice Principal Pragati Pandey echoed these sentiments, calling on teachers to inspire and support students in all types of sporting events. She emphasized that participation in sports is not just about winning but about building life skills that will serve students well in the future.

The event concluded with the distribution of prizes and certificates to the winners, followed by a heartfelt vote of thanks.

2024 World Junior Snooker Championships: Michal Szubarczyk crowned Champion



Kuldeep Sharma, General Secretary BSAJK with winner Michal Szubarczyk.

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BENGALURU: The International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) announced the successful conclusion of the 2024 World Junior Snooker Championships, which took place from August 24 to 31, 2024, in Bengaluru.

Hosted by the Billiards & Snooker Federation of India (BSFI), the event showcased the best young talent in the sport, with participants from 12 countries competing fiercely in the Under-17 Men and Under-21 Men & Women categories.

In the Under-17 category, Christian Ritcher from Germany emerged as the winner, with Thailand's Lomah Isarangkun taking

the position of first runner-up.

In the Under-21 category, Poland's Michal Szubarczyk claimed the title, while Germany's Alexander Widau secured the first runner-up spot. Among the girls, India's Natasha became the champion, with Thailand's Narucha Phoemphul finishing as the first runner-up.

In an exhilarating final held on August 31, 13-year-old Michal Szubarczyk from Poland emerged victorious in the Under-21 category, demonstrating remarkable skill and composure throughout the tournament. His victory marks a significant achievement in his young career and highlights the potential of rising stars in the world of snooker.

The championships attracted a diverse group of players and fans, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship. The event not only celebrated the competitive spirit of junior snooker but also served to strengthen international ties within the sport. Kuldeep Sharma, General Secretary of the Billiards and Snooker Association of Jammu & Kashmir (BSAJK), was honored to be a special invitee at this prestigious event. After the championships, an annual meeting of the BSFI was held, where Sharma represented Jammu & Kashmir, contributing valuable insights and perspectives that are vital for the growth of snooker in the region.

His ongoing efforts to promote the sport in Jammu & Kashmir have significantly elevated its profile and participation.

The IBSF and BSFI extend their heartfelt thanks to all participants, coaches, sponsors, and volunteers who made this event a resounding success. The enthusiasm and talent displayed throughout the championships reaffirm the bright future of junior snooker on the global stage.

DGP J&K decorates Dr. Sunil Gupta with IGP Rank



DGP J&K, R.R. Swain decorating Dr. Sunil Gupta with rank of IGP.

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SRINAGAR: In a pipping ceremony held at Police Headquarters (PHQ) this afternoon, the Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, R.R.

Swain decorated Dr. Sunil Gupta with the rank of Inspector General of Police (IGP). ADGP (Headquarters) PHQ, M.K. Sinha, was present on the occasion to witness the

significant milestone in Dr. Gupta's illustrious career.

The DGP congratulated the officer on his well-deserved promotion and expressed confidence that he would continue to serve the department with the same zeal and dedication. The DGP also extended his best wishes to the officer for his future success. Pertinent to mention, Dr. Sunil Gupta has been promoted as IGP by the government of Jammu and Kashmir in an order recently and has been posted as IGP Crime J&K.

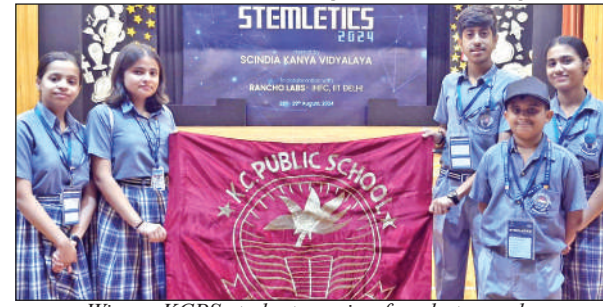
DYSS holds U-19 boys Kabaddi trials

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UDHAMPUR: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised district level selection trials to pick up probable for the under-19 boys district team for the Divisional meet, here today. Around 130 boys from 17 government and private educational institutions of the district turned up for the selection process.

The technical panel comprised Raj Kumar, Sunil Dutt Khajuria, Deepak Sharma, Preetam Singh, Raman Kumar, Ranveer Singh, Reena Gupta, Kanchan Kumari, Priya Sharma, and Sourabh Pandit.

KCPS students excel at Stemletics event hosted by Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya Gwalior



Winner KCPS students posing for photograph.

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KATHUA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Kathua, organized a clubbed zone tournament across various venues, including Sports Stadium Kathua, Sports Stadium Hiranagar, and Naz Ground Billawar. The event was conducted under the meticulous supervision of Director General Youth Services and Sports, Jammu and Kashmir, S. Rajendra Singh Tara (JKAS), and the esteemed direction of District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Sh. Sunil Singh Sambhal. The competitions, held in the under-19 category

for both boys and girls, aimed to prepare players for the next level of tournaments, enhancing their performance for upcoming division-level competitions.

At Naz Ground Billawar, events such as Kabaddi, Kho Kho, and Volleyball were conducted. In these matches, Zone Mallhar emerged victorious in the Kabaddi and Volleyball competitions, defeating Zone Billawar. However, in a closely contested football match at Sports Stadium Hiranagar, Zone Billawar managed to defeat Zone Mallhar, while Zone Bhaddu triumphed over Zone

Malhar in Kho Kho.

Meanwhile, at Sports Stadium Hiranagar, Zone Hiranagar secured a decisive 3-0 victory over Zone Marheen in the football match. Additionally, at Sports Stadium Kathua, Chess, Wrestling, and Rope Skipping competitions concluded, where Zone Kathua excelled, winning in almost all the events.

These competitions are part of a broader initiative to hone the skills of young athletes, preparing them for more significant challenges ahead, and fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and excellence among the youth of the region.

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JAMMU: Five students of KC Public School (KCPS), namely, Aryan Mahajan, Mrigaanka Bhat, Medhavi Arora, Lavanya Koushal and Divyansh Sharmatook part in the 'Stemletics' event hosted by Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya Gwalior on August 28 and 29, 2024.

The term 'Stemletics' refers to an innovative programme that combines sports and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) education to engage students in hands-on learning experiences.

The programme aims at

equipping the next generation of leaders with essential tools to succeed in today's world and encourages students to pursue careers in STEM fields.

The event commenced with

an impressive opening ceremony with the DRDO Director presiding over it. Thereafter, participating teams from several reputed schools from India took part in a number of activities such

as Castle Run Robot Workshop, Technovate Competition, Castle Run Robot Competition and Obstacle Avoiding Robot Competition.

The team from KCPS escorted by Mohit Uppal of IT department put up a marvellous performance during the event and won the third position in the Obstacle Avoiding Robot competition.

In this event, robots built by students utilized sensors and advanced algorithms to expertly manoeuvre through a complex maze, avoiding collisions and finding the optimal path. Aryan and

Divyansh of KCPS handled this event with remarkable dexterity.

This accomplishment showcased KCPS team's exceptional skills, innovative thinking, dedication to the field of robotics and excellent team spirit.

KCPS Chairman Raju Chowdhary and Principal AK Mishra complimented the school Science Club 'KC Science Crusaders' and its mentors Kapil Kashyap and Surbhi Mahajan for taking up the initiative of training the school team for this futuristic scientific contest in which they emerged victorious.

Poonch District clinches overall AAG Girls Inter-District Divisional Level Taekwondo Trophy

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POONCH: The Inter-District Divisional Level Taekwondo competition for AAG Girls concluded successfully at Youth Hostel Nagrota, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Jammu. The event saw the participation of 175 girls from seven districts of Jammu division.

District Poonch emerged as the overall champion of the competition, securing an impressive haul of 11 Gold Medals, 5 Silver Medals, and 4 Bronze Medals.

These victories have qualified the Gold medalists to represent Jammu division in the upcoming Inter-Division UT Level Taekwondo



Poonch Taekwondo Girls along with officials of DYSS after winning overall Trophy of inter District Division level Taekwondo championship.

Championships, scheduled to be held in September.

Upon returning to Poonch, the victorious girls were warmly welcomed by the District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Mool Raj Uttam.

He extended his heartfelt congratulations to all the medal winners and commended Rajinder Singh, the Physical Education Teacher and Taekwondo Coach from the Department of Youth Services and Sports, for his

excellent training that led to Poonch's outstanding performance at the divisional level. Sh. Mool Raj Uttam also praised Sarwan Kumar (PET) and Prabhjot Kour (REK), who escorted the team, and wished all the girls

Hockey J&K delegation to attend 14th Hockey India Congress 2024 in Lucknow

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JAMMU: A delegation from Hockey J&K, consisting of Gurdeep Singh Sangral (President), Manbir Kour (Vice President), and Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi (General Secretary), embarked on a significant journey to Lucknow to participate in the prestigious 14th Hockey India Congress 2024. This important event will focus on key discussions related to the development of hockey in India, including the Hockey India League, grassroots hockey initiatives, coaching advancements, and technical official development programs.

The congress serves as a vital platform for exchanging ideas, fostering collaboration, and planning strategic steps to promote and enhance hockey across the nation. A noteworthy



Hockey J&K members G.S Sangral, S.D Singh Bakshi and Manbir Kour.

highlight of this delegation is Manbir Kour's participation, as she becomes the first female representative from Baramulla district, Kashmir, to attend the Hockey India Congress. This marks a historic milestone in the advancement of women's empowerment and leadership in sports administration within the region. The presence of the

Hockey J&K delegation at this event underscores their commitment to contributing to the growth of hockey in India and staying updated with the latest trends and initiatives in the sport. Their involvement reflects the organization's dedication to advancing hockey at both the regional and national levels.

42nd Jammu District Kho Kho Championship 2024 begins



J&K Kho Kho Association members presenting memento to Chief Guest, DSP Kartik Shrotriya, IPS at Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: The 42nd Jammu District Kho Kho Championship 2024 for boys and girls, organized by the Jammu Kashmir Kho Kho Association and sponsored by the J&K Sports Council, was inaugurated by Chief Guest, DSP Kartik Shrotriya, IPS, at the Green Play Field, Gandhi Nagar, here on Saturday.

DSP Shrotriya praised the association and encouraged players to embrace Kho Kho, highlighting it as

a quintessential Indian game.

He mentioned that sports like Kho Kho, Kabaddi, and Chess are being considered for inclusion in the Olympics by 2036 as part of the IOC's efforts.

More than 200 players from Jammu District participated in the tournament, which has garnered significant attention and support from the local sports community.

The event saw notable figures including Guest of Honour Ranjit Chib, for-

mer SSP, Neeti Kour, General Secretary of the Master Games Association; and Special Guest Mahesh Abrol, General Secretary, JKKKA Amrinder Pal Singh, Treasurer & International Player JKKKA Pankaj Malhotra, Joint Secretary JKKKA Tarmeet Shenu all of whom applauded the efforts of the players and association members in advancing the game of Kho Kho.

The semifinals and finals are scheduled for September 1, 2024.

Jammu Sanskriti School to face APS - B and Parivartan Club to meet Oriental Academy in girls' semifinals whereas in boys' semifinals, Oneness Club shall meet NIS Club and SAI Club to face Parivartan Club.

The event was supported by prominent figures such as SBS Tirthi (Founder JKKKA), President Dr. Baljinder Kour, Manmeet Singh (Chairman RCE), Ajay Gupta (Coach JK Sports Council), and Anil Sharma (Manager JK Sports Council). Coaches and officials like Dheeraj Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Vikram Sharma, and others ensured smooth conduct of the matches.

The refereeing was handled by Ravinder Singh Bali (Convenor), along with Madhur Choudhary, Yogesh Kumar, Sahil Dev Singh, Sahil Angral, Sidharth Singh, Meenakshi Thakur, Deepak Kumar, David Sandhu, and Ajeet Pal Singh.

DG YSS takes stock of sports works at Khel Gaon Nagrota

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JAMMU: The Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K remains committed to enhancing sports infrastructure and facilities to benefit athletes and sports enthusiasts in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

In this direction, Rajinder Singh Tara, Director General (DG) Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K convened a meeting of the Engineering wing and officers of the planning section of the Directorate of YSS at Khel Gaon here to assess the progress of various sports projects at Khel Gaon. During the meeting, he conducted a thorough physical inspection and evaluation of both ongoing and completed projects including the Synthetic Athletic Track,



DG, DYSS J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara interacting with officials.

Football field, Lawn Tennis court, Cycling Track, Iron Net Fencing around the upper ground, Indoor Multipurpose Hall, Flood protection Works from the River Side, Construction of bore wells, and Construction of approach road.

DG issued on-spot directions to the Engineering wing to ensure the timely completion of ongoing projects in order to prevent any

cost escalation.

On his visit to Khel Gaon he also inaugurated the Inter-Divisional UT Level competitions conducted for selecting UT level teams for the 63rd Edition of Subroto Mukherjee Cup being organised at New Delhi.

DG YSS interacted with the players of the participating teams. While encouraging them with words of encouragement, he guided

them to play with team spirit and dedication to achieving their goals.

Later-on DG YSS visited Youth Hostel Nagrota. He inaugurated the Inter-Divisional UT Level Taekwondo competitions here. He also inspected the hostel building of Youth Hostel to ensure that all necessary facilities for the sports fraternity and the participants of different sports events are being adequately provided by the Department.

Director General YSS was accompanied by the Joint Director YSS Jammu, Deputy Director Central, Deputy Director Planning, Accounts Officer, Engineering Wing of Sports Council and other senior officers and officials of the Department of YSS J&K.

Kho-Kho selection trials from Sept 3

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JAMMU: The J&K Kho-Kho Association is organizing selection trials for the upcoming 34th Sub Junior National Kho-Kho Championship, scheduled to take place in Jharkhand.

The selection trials will be held from September 3 to 4, 2024, starting at 3 PM at Greenplay Field 1, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Aspiring players are encouraged to participate in these trials to showcase their skills and earn a spot on the team repre-

senting Jammu and Kashmir at the national level.

For more information, interested individuals can contact on 9419141007, 9149509617, 9906204257, or email jkkhokho@gmail.com.