

Roll Ball players felicitated by Nadda



Union Minister and National BJP president, J. P. Nadda felicitating outstanding Rollball players of Jammu and Kashmir in a function at Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: J&K outstanding Rollball players were

facilitated by Union Minister and National BJP president, J. P.

Nadda during a public rally here today. These outstanding play-

ers of Rollball, during interaction, highlighted the difficulties being faced

by them and asked for redress of their grievances, a handout issued by the

Roll Ball Association of J&K here today informed. They (players) requested

the senior BJP leader and Cabinet Minister to help include Rollball in the list

of games prescribed in SO 12 of 2022, the handout added.

Shiv, Rahul honoured with Chief of Air Staff Commendation for 'India's Most Fearless' Series

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JAMMU: Defense journalists and authors, Shiv Aroor and Rahul Singh, have been awarded the prestigious Chief of Air Staff Commendation today, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to chronicling the stories of valour in their best-selling India's Most Fearless book series. This military honour marks yet another milestone in their distinguished careers covering the nation's defense forces. Rahul Singh, the Chief Defense Correspondent at the



Defense journalists and authors, Shiv Aroor and Rahul Singh being awarded the Chief of Air Staff Commendation.

Hindustan Times, and Shiv Aroor, Senior Anchor and Editor at Aaj Tak, both have an extensive background in

defense journalism. They have reported on a wide range of critical national security issues, including wars, border

tensions, military operations, and the lives of soldiers on the frontlines. Their dedication to the defense beat has earned them respect within military circles and beyond, with both journalists having received multiple accolades and medals for their work over the years.

In a joint statement, the authors expressed their deep gratitude for the commendation: "We are deeply honoured by this recognition, but the true credit belongs to the soldiers, airmen, and sailors whose extraordinary courage we've had the privilege of documenting. This award is dedicated entirely to them, their families, and the units that serve this nation with unwavering commitment."

India's Most Fearless has been widely celebrated for its

gripping narratives and first-hand accounts of some of India's most daring military operations. The series shines a spotlight on the unsung heroes of the armed forces, capturing their bravery and sacrifice in extraordinary detail. Aroor and Singh's work has not only resonated with readers across the nation but has also contributed significantly to shaping public understanding and appreciation of the Indian military.

The Chief of Air Staff Commendation is a significant military honour, traditionally conferred upon individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service or made noteworthy contributions to the Indian Air Force and the broader defense sector.

UT Level Inter Division Boys U-19 Volleyball Tournament kicks off



Volleyball teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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BHADERVAH: The District Youth Services and Sports Department organised the UT Level Inter Division Volleyball Tournament for under-19 boys at the Government PG ground in Bhaderwah.

The tournament featured two teams from the Jammu and Kashmir divisions, showcasing the best young volleyball talent from across the UT. The event

was officially declared open by District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Sunil Kumar, in the presence of ZPEO Doda Surinder Singh.

While addressing the young players, Sunil Kumar emphasized the importance of such tournaments in nurturing sports talent and developing teamwork among youth. He also urged the students to stay away from drug abuse and to maintain a healthy lifestyle

through sports.

The matches witnessed intense competition, with the Kashmir Division team narrowly defeating the Jammu Division team in a thrilling 3-2 sets victory.

The games were marked by exceptional sportsmanship, teamwork and enthusiastic support from both participants and spectators, making the tournament an exciting display of athletic excellence.

Udhampur clinches U-17 Boys Kho Kho Trophy



Inter-District Division Level Kho Kho Tournament winner team posing with dignitaries.

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KATHUA: The Inter-District Division Level Kho Kho Tournament for U17 boys culminated in a thrilling finale as Udhampur emerged victorious against Jammu in a nail-biting finish. The tournament, held in Kathua, showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship from all participating teams.

The final match ended in a tie, with both Udhampur and Jammu scoring 12 points each during regulation time. This led to a sudden death round, where Udhampur managed to secure the win by a narrow margin of just one point.

In the third-place match,

Poonch faced Ramban, clinching victory with another close score, winning by a single point. The excitement and competitive spirit displayed throughout the tournament highlighted the dedication of the young athletes. District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua, Sunil Singh Sambyal, presented the winner's trophy to Udhampur, while Jammu and Ramban received the runner-up and third-place trophies, respectively.

The tournament was organized under the auspices of the Director General of Youth Services and Sports, Jammu

and Kashmir UT, Rajinder Singh Tara, with guidance from Joint Director Ved Prakash.

The closing ceremony was attended by key officials, including Activity Incharge S. Dharminder Singh Shelly, Parveen Singh Lakhapuria, Venue Incharge ZPEO Sh. Kamal Kumar Sharma, and other officials from the Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua.

The event successfully fostered camaraderie and showcased the athletic prowess of the youth, paving the way for future tournaments and sporting events in the region.

District Cycling Association Kathua organises Cycling competition

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KATHUA: District Cycling Association Kathua under the aegis of Cycling Association of Jammu & Kashmir organised district level cycling competition.

The event aimed to promote the culture of cycling for good health and better mental robustness among youngsters, teen agers and eco-friendly mode of transportation and raise awareness about the benefits of cycling.

The cycling competition was graced by the presence of Ranjit Singh, as Chief Guest. The event showcased the spirit and enthusiasm of local cyclists.

Participants of all ages competed across various categories, promoting fitness and camaraderie in the community.



Winner cyclists posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion, Ranjit Singh said that the competition was aimed to encourage more people to take up cycling as a sport and a mode of transportation. Overall, it was a successful event fostering sportsmanship and community engagement.

Ajay Sharma, President

of Kathua District Cycling Association, emphasized the success of the recent cycling competition held in the district. He highlighted the enthusiastic participation from local cyclists and expressed pride in promoting the sport within the community.

Sharma noted that events

like these not only encourage healthy living but also help discover and nurture new talent in cycling. He thanked all participants, sponsors, and volunteers for their support and looks forward to organizing more such events in the future.

Also, the winners of the competition have been short

listed for state level championship scheduled to be held on 17th November, 2024.

Cyclists across all age groups showed keen interest in the competition thereby demonstrating their enthusiasm and dedication to the sport. Many participants displayed impressive skills and sportsmanship, eager to compete and improve their performance.

The winners under boys under 17 category were Laksh Sharma first position, Vansh Sharma second position and Manu Sharma secured third position.

Under the girls Under 14 categories were Vaishnavi got the first position, Anvita Marta secured 2nd position and Mayra Sharma secured 3rd position.

Inter-District Division Level Under-17 Girls Volleyball Tournament begins in Samba

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SAMBA: The District Youth Services and Sports Office (DYSSO) Samba organised the Inter-District Divisional Level Under-17 Girls Volleyball Tournament at Rani Suchet Singh Sports Stadium, Samba.

The tournament was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Deputy Commissioner Samba, Rajesh Kumar Sharma, in presence of Guest of Honour, Jagdish Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, along with other distinguished officials.

During the event, the DC interacted with the teams, offering words of encouragement and support. He extended his best wishes to all partic-



A volleyball match in progress at Samba.

ipants, motivating them to compete with passion and sportsmanship, and

underscored the significance of youth involvement in sports for their overall development.

During the inaugural ceremony, participants took a pledge to promote sports participation and avoid drug use, underlining the importance of healthy and active lifestyle.

The tournament has brought together 94 young athletes from 9 districts of the Jammu Division, providing a platform for these talented girls to showcase their volleyball skills, while fostering teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship.

DYSSO Samba Dharmvir Singh welcomed all the participants and encouraged them to give their best throughout the competition.

RS Pura Club wins Masters' Handball game



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: The R S Pura Club clinched the two-day Handball event beating the other side of Shakti Club of Handball by six goals at Bana Singh Stadium, R S Pura, today. The event was organised by Living Right Association of J&K.

In this day-long activity, Sudesh Kumar, retired SAI coach was chief guest while Anurik Singh of J.J.Traders R.S.Pura and Gurpreet Kour were

guests of honour.

The special guests appreciated the initiative taken by the newly formed sports body to involve those senior and veteran players in sports activities of their liking. Among others present were Vinay Sharma, J&K Sports Council senior Handball coach; Rajinder Gupta, Atula, Sonia Jain, Gourav Sharma, Bhawna Sharma, Sandhya Bakshi, Neetu Gupta, Arti Thakur, Divya Kotwal, Poonam Sharma and Sahil Padha.

Annual Divisional Athletics meet of DYSS begins

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JAMMU: Annual inter-district Division level athletics (all age group) meet of boys started today on the University of Jammu (JU) campus under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS).

The opening day witnessed competition in under-19 category in both field and track events under the guidance of technical panel of the department.

The competition was being organised under the patron-

age of Director General Youth Services and Sports, Rajinder Singh Tara (JKAS) under the guidance of Joint Director, Ved Parkash (JKAS) and the overall supervision of district (DYSS) officer Jammu, Sunil Kumar Sharma and Harvinder Kour.

Around 200 male athletes, representing various districts of Jammu Division are taking part in this event.

The competition was being conducted by the panel of experts including Nirmal Singh, Chamel Singh,



Harsimran Singh, Kailash Choudhary, Sukhdev Singh and Harvinder Singh.

The Results (Under-19): 100 mtrs race: Tanveer Singh, Jammu, Gold; Manik Sharma, Kathua, Silver and Atish Sharma, Pooch, Bronze. Discus Throw: Saksham Gupta, Jammu, Gold; Savitar Singh, Udhampur, Silver; Manjot Singh Kathua, Bronze. 400 mtrs: Wajid Ali, Jammu, Gold; Mahinder Singh, Ramban, Silver; Shamsheer Singh, Kathua, Bronze. 3000

mtrs: Sandeep Singh, Kathua, Gold; Lakhn Singh, Jammu, Silver; Karnail Singh, Rajouri, Bronze.

Long Jump: Irfan Ahmed, Jammu, Gold; Satvir Singh, Udhampur, Silver; Vivek Bali, Kathua, Bronze. Triple Jump: Ajay Dhirwal, Jammu, Gold; Agartya Sharma, Udhampur, Silver; Jangheer Mumtaz, Rajouri, Bronze. Javelin Throw: Vikramjeet Singh, Jammu, Gold; Manandeep Singh, Rajouri, Silver; Sohail Hussain, Poonch, Bronze.

BJP expels leader

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of BJP on Monday expelled a party leader who is fighting as an independent against the party's official candidate from Jammu north assembly segment. The decision to expel Shiv Dev Singh for "anti-party activities" was taken by working president Satpal Sharma and General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Kaul on the recommendation of a disciplinary committee headed by Sunil Sethi, the BJP said in a statement here.