

1st Gold Badminton C'ship concludes
Youth should take lead to defeat drug menace: Sham

Excelsior Sports Correspondent
JAMMU, Apr 4: First Gold Badminton Championship, organised by GS Sports Club under supervision of Atul Sudan (President GS Sports Club) con-

ans double category, Dharampal Gupta and Ashok Kumar emerged winners while Rajpal Sharma and Raj Kumar clinched 2nd place.
Former Minister and BJP leader, Sham Lal Sharma was the

which will be greatly beneficial for the youths of the area to keep them aware and away from the drug abuse. Sham Lal Sharma urged youth to take a lead in decisive battle against drug menace. He further announced that soon we have a full fledged cricket stadium in Jourian which is sanctioned by Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Farooq Khan.

Balbir Singh Jamwal said, "Organizing such events are signs of youth towards a positive direction which is good for society and country in whole."

In his address, the President MC Akhnoor appealed to youth to involve more and more youth in such events and aware youth to stay away from drugs.

The chairman of Team Jammu requested the prominent and civil society of Akhnoor to play a vigilant role in society to defeat the crucial battle against drugs. He said Team Jammu is always standing with youth to lead society in fight against drugs.

President of the Club, Atul Sudan thanked all the dignitaries and players to become a part of the event which was sponsored by Sapolia Dental Clinic, Spartan Taxation and Consultancy services, education partner Edu Hub Institute and JK Education Consultancy.



Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma and other dignitaries presenting trophy to a player during closing ceremony of Gold Badminton Championship at Akhnoor.

cluded at Indoor Stadium Akhnoor, here today.

In under-19 category, Keshav Manhas lifted the title trophy, while, Abhishek Jha stood runner-up, whereas the men's single title was won by Chetan Sharma and Ashish Choudhary remained runner-up and in men's double, Sahil and Ashish won the title trophy while Ashok and Nikhil stood runner-up besides in veter-

chief guest of the event, whereas Surinder Sharma, President MC Akhnoor was the guest of honour and Balbir Singh Jamwal, secretary J&K Badminton Association was the special invitee along with Zorawar Singh Jamwal, chairman Team Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest appreciated the role of GS Sports Club for organizing such sports event in Akhnoor

Media-XI trumps Jammu Sports by 61 runs

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JAMMU, Apr 4: Media-XI Jammu trumped Jammu Sports by 61 runs in a friendly cricket match, played at Forest Ground Sidhra, here today.

After winning the toss, Media-XI Jammu led by Captain Vivek Suri opted to bat first and scored 223 runs for the loss of eight wickets in stipulated 25 overs. Media XI was once struggling at 70 runs for five wickets but Sachin Jamwal played a superb innings of 74 runs off 34 balls studded with each six sixes and Yash Khajuria's 24 runs and made a solid partnership of 107 runs for their team, whereas Sunil Bali and Vivek Suri contributed 24 and 18 runs respectively. From bowling side, Mukesh Sharma was the pick of the bowler who took three wickets, while Ravi Kant clinched two wickets and Kulbir and Sunil



Winning team displaying victory signs after the match at Jammu.

shared a piece each.

In reply, Jammu Sports led by Kulbir Singh started the run chase on a very cautious note. Mukesh Sharma yet again played a brilliant knock of 86 runs but could not led the team to victory as wickets tumbled at regular intervals from the other end. Bowlers of Media XI bowled on good line

and length and kept the pressure on Jammu Sports batsmen who managed to score only 162 runs in stipulated overs by losing seven wickets. Kaushal made 21 runs, followed by Pawan scored 19 runs. From bowling side, Sachin Jamwal and Anil Zalpuri took two wickets each, while Vivek Suri, Yash Khajuria and Nitin Singh bagged one wicket apiece.

Sachin Jamwal of Media XI Jammu was declared as man of the match for his all-round performance.



Former MLA, Ashwani Sharma and other dignitaries releasing calendar of activities of the Tawi Trekkers Club at Jammu.

TTJK to organise circumambulation of Trikuta hills in May

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JAMMU, Apr 4: Tawi Trekkers J&K (TTJ&K) is going to organise circumambulation (parikrama) of Trikuta hills (Vaishno Devi Shrine) - a three days trek from Katra to back via Tote, Sukhalghati and Jangle Gali from first week of the May.

It was announced by Ram Khajuria, president of the Club while highlighting the detail of activities for the year 2021-22, which was released here today at Press Club of Jammu.

Patrons of the Club Ashwani Sharma (former MLA) and Rahul Sharma, chairman Sprawling Buds ICSE School Bantalab released the calendar of activities in presence of co-chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal and Shawetika Khajuria general secretary of the Club along with other office bearers.

Khajuria mentioned that last year most of the activities could not be undertaken due to COVID-19 pandemic and therefore have been included in this year's program. Accordingly, the Club shall organize three trekking expeditions in Dhauladhar Range in

Himachal Pradesh including one to Triund (10000ft) for junior members, whereas another expedition to Minkiani Pass (14000ft) for senior members and last one from Dalhousie to Chamba exclusively for senior citizens besides Heritage trekking programme in Kangra (HP) shall also be organized from month of October to December 2021.

Another challenging adventure trekking of 12 days at high altitude in Gulap area of Leh from August 7 to 18 along with low budget mountaineering expedition to Mun peak in Dhauladhar range of Dhamshala in the month of June 2021.

However, the Club is also focused on a prestigious international expedition to Mount Elbrus, the highest peak of Europe in Russia. Subject to opening up of international flights and finalization of all other arrangements in May, whereas a UT level sport climbing competition exclusively for women shall also be conducted in the month of July along with Open Union Territory level sport climbing competition in the month of October.

1st Cricket Night Tournament from Apr 11

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KATHUA, Apr 4: Chajju Ram Sports Club Gurah Mundian is going to organise 1st Cricket Night Tournament at Government High School Gurah Mundian, Hiranagar from April 11.

The opening match will be played on Sunday at 7:30 pm. The entry fee is 3000 per team, while winning team will be awarded with 31000 cash prize along with trophy and runner-up team will be awarded with 15000 cash prize and trophy.

Any team desirous to take part

in this championship can contact with Pintu (9018113506), Yogesh (7051241424) & Sahil (9419365400). The tournament will be played on knockout basis for which the last date of registration is April 10.

Key highlights: Refreshment in each match and last match will be displayed on big screen. The tournament is being organised by organising committee including Sahil Sharma, Amit Sharma, Mukesh Sharma, Pankaj Sharma, Avinash, Amit Khajuria, Anil Verma, Pintu Sharma and Sushant Sharma.

Bitta Memorial Cricket Tournament, being played at Kodewalla Ground Akhnoor, here today.

Batting first, All Stars made 123 runs on the loss of seven wickets in stipulated 12 overs match. Munna scored 51 runs off 22 balls, whereas Rahul made 33 runs in just eight balls and Darshan contributed 10 runs. From bowling side, Gulshan got three wickets and Tusbar clinched two wickets for his team.

In reply, the Kodewalla



Cyclist Adil Teli interacting with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan in Jammu.

Cyclist Adil calls on LG

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SRINAGAR, Apr 4: Professional Cyclist, Adil Teli, from Narbal Budgam, today called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, here at the Raj Bhawan.

Adil Teli has recently cycled 3600-kms from Kashmir to Kanyakumari in just 8 days.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated Adil on his

achievement and observed that the feat is not only going to motivate the youth in the UT but across the whole country.

The Lieutenant Governor noted that the Government is taking several initiatives for upgradation of sports infrastructure through which different platforms and facilities have also been made available for promoting sports in J&K.

NCC beats LCC in Tennis Ball Cricket tourney

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SAMBA, Apr 4: Narsingh Cricket Club (NCC) trounced Lunia Cricket Club (LCC) by big margin of 70 runs in the

Gupta were also present during the event.

The chief guest appreciated the efforts of the organisers for organising such event for local youth and encouraged the



Chief guest being honoured by the organisers of the tournament at Samba.

ongoing Tennis Ball Night Cricket Tournament, being organised at High School Jatwal, here today.

After winning toss, the scored 123 runs with the loss of seven wickets in stipulated 12 overs. Panku Jasrotia played a brilliant knock of 49 runs in 29 balls, whereas the Lunia Cricket Club could not chase the target and bundled out at 53 runs.

Hari Om from NCC was declared as man of the match for clinching four important wickets.

Surinder Singh Bagal, selector of the JKCA was the chief guest of the event, whereas Sarpanch Ajit Sharma, Renu Bala BJP Mahila Morcha, Principal Varinder Singh and Ajay

players to keep themselves busy in sports and physical fitness.

Ashwani Sharma, Raj Kumar, Rajesh Sharma, Rishu, Arjun, Radhey Sham, Raman Kumar, Rahul Sharma and Neeraj were among the organisers of the tournament in which 32 teams are taking part.



Former Minister Ajay Nanda and players posing for a group photograph with winning trophy at Reasi on Sunday.

Fighter-XI lifts title trophy of Premier League

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REASI, Apr 4: Fighter-XI Thanpal Dharan lifted the title trophy of District Premier League Reasi Season-I by defeating Royal Cricket Club (RCC) by three runs, played at here today.

Batting first, Fighter-XI Thanpal Dharan set the target of 127 runs. Veer Jamwal of the winning team was declared as man of the match as he clinched

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JAMMU, Apr 4: District Kishtwar Premier League 2020-21, organised under the banner of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council in collaboration with concerned District Association in disciplines of Football, Kabaddi, Hockey and Volleyball got underway at Choghwan, here today.

Three matches were played today in Football disciplines between Begana Football Club and Bunastan Football Club, the match ended with draw, whereas 2nd match was won by Real Kishtwar from Bunastan FC Junior and the last match was played between Berabhata Football Club and Real Kishtwar FC wherein Kisthwar FC won the match by 6-1 goals and qualified for the 2nd round of the tournament.

In Kabaddi, Kishtwar Lions Club qualified for 2nd phase of the tournament by defeating Sangram Bhata Kabaddi Club by 10 points, whereas Begana Club



Winning Football team posing for a group photograph after the match at Kishwar.

emerged winner by defeating Sangram Bhata Kabaddi Club.

In Hockey, two matches were played between Real Kishtwar and Kuleed Hockey Club and Kishtwar Sports Club and Young Club, wherein Kuleed Hockey Club qualified for the second phase of the league.

In Volleyball, five matches were played between Kishtwar Volleyball Club and Forest Volleyball Club, whereas Forest Volleyball Club and DPL and Forest Volleyball Club and Block Bleed, besides Forest Volleyball Club and Dhrubshalla and DPL and

Dhrubshalla. The overall winner Dhrubshalla Volleyball Club qualified for the 2nd phase of the league.

All the matches were officiated by committee of technical experts, whereas the tournament is being organised under the guidance of Divisional Sports Officer Jammu Ashok Singh and the tournament is organised under the supervision of coordinator District Kishtwar Premier League, Satpal Singh Chief Football Coach J&K Sports Council and his team Ajay Gupta, Kho-Kho & Kabaddi Coach and Dalvir Kumar, Hockey Coach.

T20 Avengers Cup launched by PSSC

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CHANDIGARH, Apr 4: With the objective of promoting sports in the State, the Punjab Secretariat Cricket Club (PSSC) in association with Aryans Group of Colleges Rajpura organized Avengers Cup T20 Open Cricket Tournament, here today.

Around 16 teams are participating in this tournament.

Deputy Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Punjab and Chief Patron of PSSC, Gurinder Singh Sodhi was the chief guest, while Dr Anshu Kataria, Chairman Aryans Group of Colleges was guest of honour.

In the opening ceremony, the official jersey of the Club was also released in the function by distinguished guests at Punjab Civil Secretariat, followed by Dr Kataria present-



Deputy Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Punjab Gurinder Singh Sodhi releasing official jersey of the Club at Chandigarh.

ed a memento to Mr Sodhi.

While addressing the players, Sodhi said that sports play a very important role in a person's life and make a person healthy and optimistic. He informed that he himself is cycling 50-60 km per day which keeps him fit. He apprised the members, players and guests about the achievements of PSSC in previous years.

Kataria while motivating the players said that Aryans always look forward to spread educational services in the State as well as to encourage the youth towards sports and for Avengers Cup, the Group is a major contributor to the

PSSC jersey.

President PSSC and team captain, Bhupinder Singh said that his team has been practicing for a long time and many tournaments will be played with different teams in the coming days. The treasurer and coordinator of PSSC, Naveen Sharma said that his team is able to compete with any professional team.

General secretary PSSC Neeraj Prabhakar, press secretary Gurpreet Singh and Gurveer Singh were also present on the occasion along with Aryan Group. Deputy Director, Dr Garima Thakur, Manjit Kaur and Manu Kataria.

Taekwondo coaching classes resume in Gindun Sports Complex: Sports Council

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SRINAGAR, Apr 4: The Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council started a full-fledged Taekwondo training at Gindun Sports Complex.

An internationally reputed coach Atul Pangotra who is a two times Common Wealth medallist and five times World Championship participant representing country is going to be the key figure in planning the sessions and drafting the curriculum for the training to the players.

While speaking on the occasion, Atul said that the main aim of this camp shall be to tap the talent and players who have knack for the game, so, they shall be imparted special training enabling them to represent J&K and country at the bigger stages.

He also said, instructors among the players who can groom other players will be provided training.

Atul was all praise for the newly created facility in the Gindun Sports Complex and said such centres will help to motivate coaches and players

alike to work hard and take the J&K Sports to new heights.

Divisional Sports Officer, Nuzhat Farooq who is incharge of the sports activities said that similar camps for other games shall follow soon as Sports Council is devising a module to provide best coaching facility to players of upper age groups in view of the covid protocol for lower age group.

Nuzhat Farooq also informed that Gindun Sports Complex has a Health and Fitness Facility available for the athletes.

She also added that shifting of Taekwondo classes to Gindun is part of the expansion programme and they are also planning to conduct special camps and regular classes for all the interested players of other games too.

The function was attended by former International Footballer Majeed Kakroo, Prof Bashir Ahmad Shah former member Sports Council, Executive Engineer and other officers and officials from J&K Sports Council.



Bike rider Mehraj Madni displaying Award of Appreciation for completing 200 km ride at Srinagar.

JKMBA holds Sunday ride

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SRINAGAR, Apr 4 : Jammu and Kashmir Mountain Biking Association (JKMBA) organized Sunday ride from Dalgate to Astanmarg in which 20 member of the Association took part.

On the occasion, Mehraj Madni was honoured with "Award of Appreciation" for successfully completing above 200 km rides.

Riyaz Wani president of the Association was the chief guest of the event who said that the JKMBA would felicitate best rider in future also."

Er Rayees Naqasbandi, A R Bhat and Dr Sheikh Tariq were the guests of honour while Asif Bhat secretary, Zahid Iqbal and Yasir Makhdoomi were among the prominent who graced the event.