

All weather Swimming Pool will take six months more to complete inside MA Stadium

***Players likely to miss this year's sports activities too**
Goldi Sharma

JAMMU, Feb 20: The much awaited Swimming Pool inside the premises of MA Stadium where up-gradation work was allotted four year back by the J&K Government, will take six months more to become all weather.

The up-gradation work of the project is being executed under languishing projects with an estimated cost of Rs 3.50 crores, out of the final approval cost of the project Rs 5.30 crores.

During allotting the remaining funds for the completion of the all weather Swimming Pool in the month of February 2019, the then Governor Satya Pal Malik as well as a high powered committee framed for languishing projects asked the executing agency to complete the work of the said project within six months.

The unlimited delay on part of the executing agency, the players have been deprived of the facilities of the Swimming Pool for the last four years, now the executing agency is asking it will take six months more to complete it.

"Just after the announcement regarding making of existing Swimming Pool would be developed into all weather Swimming Pool, the Jammu and Kashmir



A view of under construction Swimming Pool at MA Stadium.

Sports Council (JKSC) had stopped the sports activities inside the premises, since then the players of the said discipline are getting training at that Pools which were established inside the private commercial buildings," said sources while wishing anonymity.

"However, the Council has given the deadline to complete the work within stipulated 2-3 month so that upcoming water sports can be held here but due to the ongoing pace of work of the said contractor, it would definitely take nearly six month to complete the all weather Swimming Pool," said sources.

The sources further added that the outer structure of

Swimming Pool which makes it all weather is almost completed but tile works inside the Pool as well as installation of heating facilities and some remaining works of outer decoration and mechanical works are still pending. "For the past few months, the up-gradation work on the said project is going on full swing by the incumbent contractor as compared to another contractor who was hired earlier by the J&K Sports Council for the up-gradation of said project," he added.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Swimming Pool inside MA Stadium premises was established and inaugurated by the then Governor of erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, KV Krishna Rao in 1993, while the proposal for making it all weather was proposed by the Council in the year 2014 after repeated representations made by the players for making it functional throughout the year.

The decision to make it all weather was taken by then Governor of erstwhile State of J&K, Satya Pal Malik who took interest and asked the high powered committee to allot sufficient funds for it but unfortunately, the players could wait some more time to do practice here in the upgraded facilities, sources said.

Executive Engineer of the J&K Sports Council, Sarwar Mehmoed told Excelsior that the up-gradation work of the Swimming Pool will take six month more to complete. "Although, civil work is almost near to completion, subsequently the mechanical works including heating system which make it all weather would be installed," he asserted.

Mandhana sizzles as India qualify for Women's T20 World Cup semifinals

GOEBERHA (SOUTH AFRICA), Feb 20:

Vice-captain Smriti Mandhana stood out with a career-best 56-ball 87 as India entered the semifinals of the Women's T20 World Cup with a five-run win over Ireland in a rain-affected match here on Monday.

On a surface that was far from ideal for batting and where most struggled to force the pace, Mandhana led by example with nine detectable fours and three sixes to

help India reach 155 for six in the stipulated 20 overs.

In reply, Ireland got off to a disastrous start as opener Amy Hunter (1) was run out before Renuka Singh bowled Orla Prendergast for nought. Reeling at 2/1 in the very first over, Ireland recovered to reach 54 for two in the ninth over, when the heavens opened up and forced the players inside. Play did not resume thereafter.

At that point, Ireland needed need 102 runs in 70 balls and were

five runs behind the Duckworth/Lewis par score of 59, paving the way for India's victory.

When the game was interrupted, Gaby Lewis and skipper Laura Delany were batting on 32 and 17 respectively.

India are set to take on defending champions Australia in the last four stage.

This is India's third successive semifinal appearance following the one in 2018 and runners-up finish in 2020.

With the win, last edition's runners-up India bounced back from the 11-run defeat to England in their previous match.

Earlier, opting to bat after skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (13) won the toss, India were off to a fine start with the opening duo of Mandhana and Shafali Verma putting on 62 runs in just under 10 overs at St George's Park.

But Shafali once again got out after getting a start, caught by Amy Hunter off the bowling of captain Delany, who introduced herself into the attack after the frontline bowlers failed to get the team a breakthrough.

Harmanpreet joined Mandhana in the middle, and the two looked to build on a partnership. Playing strokes turned out to be difficult on a surface that appeared to be a bit on the slower side.

The slow nature of the wicket notwithstanding, Mandhana maintained an excellent strike rate and reached her half-century in style, hitting leg-spinner Cara Murray for a six over deep mid-wicket. (PTI)



Winners posing for a group photograph at University of Jammu on Monday.

GDC Ramnagar lifts inter-collegiate Volleyball title

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 20: Govt. Degree College, Ramnagar lifted inter-collegiate Volleyball title by outplaying GCW Parade by 3-0 sets (25-17, 25-20, 25-18) in the final of the ongoing inter-collegiate Volleyball (Women) tournament 2022-23, organized by the Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, University of Jammu.

Earlier, in the semi-final matches, GDC, Ramnagar beat GDC, Pouni by 2-0 sets (25-14, 25-12), GCW Parade defeated GDC, Akhnoor by 2-0 sets (25-12, 25-14) and the third place was bagged by GDC Akhnoor by defeating GDC Pouni by 2-0 sets (25-17, 25-16).

Prof. Dipankar Sen Gupta, Director Poonch campus was the chief guest of the final match who awarded the winning trophy and medals to the players of GDC, Ramnagar and GCW Parade in the presence of Dr. Vimal Kishore, Dr. Mukesh Sharma, Vikram Jamwal, Dr. Kamal Deep Singh, Dr. Vikesh Sharma, Irfan Goni and Vikas Karlopia.

The tournament was organized under the supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director,

Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, University of Jammu. The matches were officiated by the technical panel of experts including: Mulkravj Sharma, Anil Sharma, Parvinder, Shubam Sharma, Manik Nargotra and Vikas Karlopia.



Winners displaying medals and trophies while posing for a group photograph.

J&K athletes shine in Nat'l

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 20: Jammu and Kashmir athletes shined in the National Masters Athletic Championship held at Kurukshetra (Haryana) from February 16 to 19, organized by Haryana Masters Athletic Association.

The athletes who participated in the championship were Sudesh Basotra, Tarsem Lal Basotra, Anuradha, Gulshan, Ram Raj, Mangal Singh, Rakesh Kumar, Tilak Raj, Adarsh Pandoh, Harbans Choudhary, Ankur Basotra and Parveen Manhas.

UT level Weightlifting C'ship commences

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 20: President J&K Weightlifting Association, Harbhajan Singh inaugurated the UT level Jammu and Kashmir Weightlifting Championship for the senior age group in both male and female categories in Indoor Hall Bhagwati Nagar, here today.

The two days championship is being organized by the J&K weightlifting Association under the aegis of J&K Sports Council in which more than 115 players from various districts are participating.

President Harbhajan Singh presided over the championship as the chief guest, whereas Ashok Singh Divisional Sports Officer Jammu distributed the prizes among the meritorious players of the day.

The Divisional Sports Officer while speaking on the occasion appreciated the efforts of the Association and its general secretary Yudhvir Singh for

Sudesh Basotra won three medals in 60 plus category including silver in 5km walk, bronze in 5km run and silver in 1500m run, while Anuradha in 45 plus category won two medals including 10km run-silver and 5km run-bronze and Mangat Singh won silver 1500m and gold in relay in 40 plus category.

Rakesh Kumar won bronze in 800m run, gold in hurdle race and silver medal in 400m run besides gold in relay, while Ankur Basotra and Parveen Manhas also won gold medals in relay.

The chief guest emphasized the need for a robust society for nation building reiterating his stand against ill sit activities and also advised the players to stay away from the menace of drugs.

"Sports play a crucial role in the growth and development of youth and help in acquiring the skills, experience and confidence that are helpful for personality development," he added.

The performance of Ranjesh Singh para-athlete including other players mesmerized the spectators with their performances.

Rahul Singh and Sourabh Sharma stood 1st and 2nd, Parshant Sharma-1st, Arvind Kumar -1st, Maneer Mohd.-2nd, Ranjesh Singh-1st, Sant Kumar-3rd, Idrees Ahmad-1st, and Krish Saini- 2nd during the championship.

Dangal organized at Peer Kho

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 20: A Dangal was organized by Mahant Rajinder Nath and Mahant Karan Nath at Peer Kho, here today.

Yudhvir Sethi, BJP vice president J&K was the chief guest of the event. He reiterated the commitment of Bharatiya Janata Party to improve sports infrastructure across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that sport is the key to a society with a healthy physique as well as a healthy mind.

Yudhvir Sethi also lauded the efforts of Mahant Rajinder Nath and Mahant Karan Nath for conducting such an attractive sports event in the area that has attracted huge gatherings of Dangal and other sports enthusiasts. He said that the local wrestling tournaments are no less than a festi-



Winners posing for a group photograph along with dignitaries at Ransoo in Katra on Monday.

Nadeem lifts Shiv Khori Kesari Dangal title

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

KATRA, Feb 20: 25th Shiv Khori Kesari Annual Vishal Dangal (Silver Jubilee Dangal), organized by J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association with the active support of Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department, District Administration Reasi, Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board (SSKSB) and Shiv Khori Dangal Committee at Ransoo, here today.

The event was organized under the overall supervision of president J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association Shiv Kumar Sharma, DDC member Kewal Krishan Sharma and Sarpanch Bhagwan Singh.

Former Minister, Ajay Nanda was the chief guest on the occasion, while president of Association presided over the function.

Deputy Director Tourism Jammu Abdul Jabbar, SDPO Neeraj Padyar, Nodal officer and Tehsildar Pouni, Naresh Kumar Sharma, Naib Tehsildar Ransoo, Baldev Raj and Sanjay Sahni of Delhi were the guests of honour.

Sarpanch Vijay Kumar, Sarpanch Bhagwan Singh, Principal Manoj Kumar, Shamsher Singh, Sat Paul Verma, Om Parkash Verma and Ramesh Chander were the prominent persons present on the occasion.

Wrestler Nadeem of Doda lifted the title of 25th Shiv Khori Kesari Dangal and he was awarded with cash prize Rs 13,000 along with traditional 'Gurj and Patta', while runner up wrestler Babba of Kot Bhalwal of Domana Akhara got Rs. 12,000 as cash prize.

The 2nd main bout was fought between Muneer Khan of Nagrota and Surjeet Singh of J&K Police. This bout ended in a draw and both the wrestlers were given Rs 12,000/- jointly, while 3rd bout was won by Babloo of Basantgarh by defeating Kaka of R.S Pura and 4th bout was secured by Rajesh Sharma of J&K Police by trouncing Ankit of Haryana.

The chief guest emphasized the need of inculcating the spirit of sportsmanship and its rule in national character building. He also said the event has become a cemetery force between people of different regions and provides encouragement to the local wrestlers.

Members and technical officials including Kewal Krishan Sharma (President), Bhagwan Singh, Sarpanch Vijay Kumar, Pawan Kholi, Shamsher Singh, Paul Chand, Sanjay Sahni, Chain Kumar, Kartar Singh (Retd. Headmaster), Madan Lal and others were present during the event.

Shiksha Niketan SSS celebrates Foundation Day

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 20: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School Jeevan Nagar celebrated its 30th Foundation Day as Sports Day in its School premises, here today.

The students and teachers of the School marked the Day in the form of splendid celebrations with enthusiasm and zeal, with integrity, dedication, devotion and loyalty.

The celebration began in the form of a journey of the School which grew from a humble beginning to its eminent stature as it stands today in the presence of our guests.

The special guests of the event were Mukesh Thakur (Founder Teacher of SNS), Dr. Preeti Kour (MD) Psychiatrist in Batra Hospital (Ex-student of SNS), Neha Choudhary (JKAS) and Gold medalist Ashwani Kumar (former student of SNS).

The function commenced with the torch oath ceremony to enliven the sports event. There was a spectrum of virtual programmes presented by the students of different School wings.

The meritorious students were awarded with prizes for their unique performance both in academics and extra co-curricular activities. The students who obtained 2nd and 3rd positions were also awarded the prizes by the special guests. The dignitaries also gave away the prizes to the UT-level winners.

Principal Rameshwar Mengi highlighted the educational achievements of the founder Principal Dev Dutt Mengi who was an epitome of grit, integrity and the person of colossal stature.

At the end, Harish Sharma, the Headmaster of the School gave a vote of thanks to all the parents and dignitaries who witnessed the function.

COMMISSIONERATE OF FOOD SAFETY JAMMU AND KASHMIR CIVIL SECRETARIAT SRINAGAR/JAMMU

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The images, details of the specifies health warnings and the Rules are available at mohfw.gov.in and ntcp.nhp.gov.in. The open files of the images may also be obtained from the Ministry by making a request at ntcp.mohfw@gmail.com and/or 011-23062868



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e-NIT No: 742 dated: 13-02-2023

For and on behalf of the University of Jammu, the Executive Engineer, University Works Department invites the tender by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from the approved & eligible contractors/agencies registered with CPWD/MES/JKPDCL/ Railways or Private/Public Sector companies/Firms registered with registrar of companies/ firms for the following work:-

S.No.	Name of the Work	Estd. Cost
1.	Electric Repair & Replacement including Electrification of 02 Nos. newly under construction bathrooms for the Renovation of the Chief Security Office at New University Campus, Jammu	1.84 Lac

Note : 1. Detailed e-NIT & BOQ is available on the website www.jktenders.gov.in and the same can be downloaded/ submitted online from 1600 hours on 17.02.2023 to 27.02.2023 (1400 hours).
2. The bidders are requested to go through the e-NIT thoroughly prior to submission of the bid.

No. UWD/2022-23/4427-33 Dt: 20-02-2023
Dated: 13-02-2023

Sd/- Executive Engineer

JAMMU & KASHMIR STATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (SIDCO) ELECTRICAL DIVISION INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX BARI BRAHMANA, JAMMU

Tele/Fax 01923-222748
E-Nit No.07 of 2022-23 Dated:- 17-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER INVITING NOTICE

Providing of Security Guards (Armed and unarmed Guards) through Registered outsourcing/ Placement agencies for Jammu Region). J&K State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCO) requires the services of the experienced Security Guards persons on off-roll basis through registered placement agencies only. Any registered placement agency desirous to work with the corporation as per the term and conditions fixed by SIDCO may apply on -line on www.jktenders.gov.in two bid system viz technical bid and financial bid on or before 20-02-2023 (1000 Hrs) to 06-03-2023 (1600 Hrs). the bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 1000 hrs on 20-02-2023 to 06-03-2023 upto 1600 hrs.

The Successful bidder shall provide the required Security Guard immediately after placement of allotment order by corporation.

The Managing Director, J&K SIDCO reserves the right to accept or reject any of all offers without assigning any reason (s) therefore.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer Electrical