

34th J&K Senior Volleyball C'ship Jammu teams emerge victorious in Men, Women finals

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 27: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today witnessed the final match of 34th J&K Senior Volleyball Championship and distributed trophies among the winners and finalists at MA Stadium here.

Bhatnagar, who was the chief guest on the occasion, in his address said that Jammu and Kashmir is fast emerging as a powerhouse of sports across the country and in recent years the UT has produced notable sportspersons of national and international standard. He highlighted that J&K is rising as the preferred location for hosting sports events owing to the upgradation and establishment of sports infrastructure in the last couple of years.

Advisor said that every district of J&K is having its stadium now and sports events are being organized from village level so that the region can produce sports icons from grass-roots level. He asked the participants and sports lovers to be ambassadors of development and adopt sports to live progressive lives.

While giving away prizes among the winners and finalists, Advisor Bhatnagar maintained that every player in the field is the winner. He said that after



Winning team posing with trophy at MA Stadium, Jammu.

watching today's game he is quite optimistic that the quality of sports played in J&K has upgraded and players are depicting great skill and talent than the past.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, said that the sports events being organized across J&K are part of Jan Bhagidhari initiative of J&K Government.

She highlighted that the positive ecosystem of sports has been established in J&K and UT is witnessing maximum number of

player selections in national and international events.

Pertinently, in the Men's final played between district Anantnag and district Jammu, team Jammu emerged victorious while in women's final played between district Jammu and district Srinagar, team Jammu emerged victorious.

Among others, the final match was witnessed by office bearers of J&K Volleyball Association, large number of sports enthusiasts and local people.

'Stakeholders' allege corruption in name of promoting Football in J&K

*Say 'Khelo India' program riddled with corruption in UT
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SRINAGAR, Feb 27: The stakeholders of the J&K Football Association today alleged that the Khelo India program for Football in J&K is riddled with corruption and that the funds meant for the development of football were misused and transferred to the personal accounts of ex-JKFA officials and other well-wishers.

Addressing a press conference, three individuals—who are not a part of the J&K Football Association (JKFA), but went with the "stakeholders"—identified themselves as Bilal Ahmad Mir, Mushtaq Ahmad and Zahoor Ahmad Mir and talked about "scandals" surrounding the Mufti Memorial Football Tournament amounting to Rs 2.40 crore, Baby League Events Rs 27.50 lakh and Khelo India Football Program scams amounting to Rs 63 lakh.

They alleged that there is rampant corruption in football affairs in the UT while lauding the efforts of ACB for investigating the Biryani Scam in the Mufti Memorial Football Tournament case amounting to Rs 2.40 crore.

"The people are well aware of the previous office bearers of JKFA being involved in various fraudulent activities; the Mufti Memorial Tournament, which was supposed to be a platform to promote football in the UT, was instead used as a tool for embezzlement of funds. Millions of rupees were siphoned off from the tournament and the organizers pocket-

ed the money meant for the development of football in J&K," they alleged. About the Football under the Khelo India program and the Baby League Event "scams," they said that the same has caused a huge loss to the exchequer and deprived promising young footballers of the UT of the opportunity to showcase their talent on a national platform. "Despite the involvement of high-profile individuals in the scam, justice has not been fully served, and the culprits are still roaming free."

They said that there is evidence that the program in Kashmir was riddled with corruption and the funds meant for the development of football "were misused and transferred into their personal accounts of Ex JKFA officials and the accounts of their well-wishers." "The proofs related to the scam have been already sent to the ACB. The corruption in football has damaged the sport and discouraged talented players from pursuing their dreams," they added.

The stakeholders urged the authorities to take immediate action against the individuals involved in these scams and ensure that justice is served and demanded immediate steps to be taken to ensure transparency and accountability in football in J&K.

They said that the joint press conference of stakeholders from South Kashmir, North Kashmir and Central Kashmir marks a significant step forward in the fight against corruption in football affairs in J&K.

Governing Council of Shrine Board's Sports Complex reviews sports activities

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KATRA, Feb 27: Ninth meeting of the Governing Council of the Shrine Board's Sports Complex was held here today at Spiritual Growth Centre.

(Member, J&K Sports Council) and Shweta Choudhary, International Shooter.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Bhan dwelt on the aims and objectives of setting up of the Sports Complex, Katra and the mandate of the Governing

While reviewing the annual calendar of sports activities for the next financial year, the GC decided to reorient the calendar activities of the Sports Complex for 2023-24 by organizing various mega sports events at Katra, which include 'Katra Hill



Members of GC of Shrine Board's Sports Complex during a meeting at Katra.

The meeting was presided over by Dr Ashok Bhan (Member Shrine Board and Chairman of Governing Council of the Sports Complex) and was attended by Anshul Garg (Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board), Navneet Singh (Additional CEO), Mahesh Sharma (FA/Chief Accounts Officer), Vipin Bhagat (Assistant CEO, SMVDSB).

All members of Governing Council including newly inducted Sanjeeva Singh (former International Archer), Krupali Singh (National Gymnastics Coach), Kuldeep Handoo (eminent Wushu player and National Coach), Lalita Sharma, Executive Director (SAI, Sonipat), Ranjeet Kalra

Council (GC). He observed that SMVDSB Sports Complex should identify the talent in the identified key sports by training and grooming them so that they could excel and bring laurels in sports events held at various levels. The Chairman also directed to increase the membership in the SMVD Sports Complex so as to meet the objectives for setting up the Sports Complex.

The new members of the GC put forth several suggestions for making the Shrine Board's Sports Complex a hub of sports and games activities and coaching facilities so that the sports persons trained and mentored at this Complex win medals at the national and international level competitions in large numbers in the coming time.

Marathon' later this year preferably in the months of October-November, 2023 in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Police and Army Personnel with the target participation of about 1000 persons for generating interest and greater participation.

The GC also directed to organize sports activities at SMVDSB Sports Complex once in a month preferably on Sunday for students of Katra and adjoining areas with a view to catch them at earlier stages from April in order to search the sports talent in Reasi and its surrounding areas. The meeting also deliberated and approved proposals for providing financial support to some of the talented players of the area having adequate potential to make a mark in varied sports disciplines.



Winners of Boxing Championship posing with guests and sports officials at Sports Stadium, Kathua.

Kathua District Boxing Championship concludes

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KATHUA, Feb 27: Organized by J&K Amateur Boxing Association under the aegis of Boxing Federation of India and J&K Olympic Association, Kathua District Boxing Championship concluded at Sports Stadium, here today.

In the Championship which was sponsored by J&K Sports Council, more than 100 boxers participated. The event was inaugurated by Laxmi Pangotra (social activist) and later in the evening, medals and certificates were distributed by Tilak Raj Bhagat during closing ceremony of the event.

The Championship was organized under the supervision of Harinder Pal Singh, Gautam Kumar, Naresh Kumar and Ajay Sharma with support of District Coaching Centre Kathua's



Arihant Mahajan son of Muniish Mahajan and a student of BSF School Paloura (Jammu), who won a bronze medal in Sub Junior and Cadet National Judo Championship, concluded recently at Chennai.

Golden Roots School celebrates Annual Day

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JAMMU, Feb 27: Golden Roots School in Gandhi Nagar celebrated its Annual Day amidst great zeal and enthusiasm at the Police auditorium, Gulshan Ground here, today.

The function commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the School Co-Director Kunal Mahajan and other honoured dignitaries to invoke the blessings of the Almighty.

The theme of the programme was "UDAAN - Let them fly" - urging everyone to let the child be a child - give them the freedom to explore, make mistakes, grow at their own pace and take their flight of success.

Tiny toddlers of the school enchanted the audience with their stunning dance performances, lively group songs, captivating plays and a fusion of cultural acts, all of which conveyed the theme message.

The graduation ceremony of the outgoing Senior KG class was held, and the school proudly presented graduation certificates and mementoes to the students.

The function concluded with a dazzling grand finale dance performance by the teachers and students of the School, followed by a heartfelt vote of thanks by the School Coordinator Isha Gupta.

Aerosol Winter School concludes

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JAMMU, Feb 27: Winter School-2023 on "Hands on Training on Instrumentation and Analytical Techniques for Atmospheric Aerosol Measurements and Source Apportionment Studies" concluded today in the campus of Central University of Jammu (CUJ).

The event was jointly organized by the Department of Environmental Sciences, CUJ and Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (INAYAS). The momentous kick off cere-



Faculty and scholars of various institutions posing with experts during valedictory function of Winter School-2023 at CUJ.

mony of the event took place on 20th February with the inaugural address of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in the presence of Prof Sanjeev Jain (guest of honor), Prof Sachchida Nand Tripathi (NKN coordinator, NCAIP; IIT Kanpur), guest of honour Arun Kumar Mehta (Chief Secretary J&K) and special guest Dheeraj Gupta (Principal Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, J&K).

In his inaugural address, LG Manoj Sinha stressed upon the participation of all the stakeholders to solve the problem of air pollution in J&K. He appreciated the efforts taken by CUJ along with JKPC under the mentorship of Prof S N Tripathi for establishing Himalayan Aerosol Research Instrumentation (HARI) facility and for other activities of Aerosol Research Group (ARG), CUJ.

The convener of the winter school Dr Shweta Yadav in consultation with eminent aerosol scientists conceptualized this six-day intensive training programme to impart training to faculty/scientists/scholars of various institutions as well as representatives from pollution control boards and other

Government departments. This winter school was a blend of in-class theory based tutorials and hands-on operational training where various national and international experts including Prof SN Tripathi (IIT Kanpur), Prof Neeraj Rastogi (PRL, Ahmedabad), Prof Jayant K Tripathi (JNU, New Delhi) and Prof Sudesh Yadav (JNU, New Delhi), delivered lectures/training.

More than 35 lectures with an intensive schedule of hands-on training on various high end instruments available at CUJ

were completed during this school. Various CUJ faculty members also delivered the lectures and shared their views under the theme "Scope of interdisciplinary research in achieving Clean Air Goals".

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Shaheed DySP Ghani Sham Memorial Cricket Tournery concludes

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RAJOURI, Feb 27: Shaheed Deputy SP Ghani Sham Memorial Cricket Tournament organized under Civic Action Programme concluded today at DPL Rajouri.

Ten teams from Rajouri, Sunderbani, Nowshera and Manjakote participated in this tournament. The final match was played between Sunderbani A and Ahsan Warriors Rajouri.

Team Sunderbani A won the tournament. Piyush Sharma of Sunderbani A was awarded Man of the Match trophy whereas Yasir Malik was adjudged as Man of the Series. The winning team was awarded

Vivek, Amit represent JK in All India Double Wicket Cricket C'ship

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JAMMU, Feb 27: Vivek Suri and Amit Kumar represented J&K in All India Double Wicket Cricket Championship which was inaugurated today at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, Ghaziabad.

The Tournament is being organized by Board for Veterans Cricket in India (BVCI) under the presidency of Nitin Gadkari (Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways).

Praveen Tyagi (working president of BVCI) along with other National executive members was present at the inaugural function of the "Umesh

National medalists Ashok, Sandeep honoured

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UDHAMPUR, Feb 27: A function was organized today by Happy Model HSS Foundation, Aware India Foundation, Masters Sports Athletics Association, Dogra Athletics Club Udhampur and Roll Ball Association Udhampur to honour Ashok Kumar (former Director Sports, SMVDSB) and Sandeep Kour (YSS Department), National medalists from J&K in the 17th Masters National Athletics Open Championship.

Padam Shree Prof Shiv Dutt Nirmohi was the chief guest on the occasion. He honoured both the ace master athletes with medals in the presence of other dignitaries which include Dr Munish Gulati, Dr Vikram Gulati, Johan Wilson, Vice Chairman, Rural Development Society.

Athlete Ashok Kumar has won 3 gold medals in the J&K UT level championship; one gold and one silver medal in 4x100 meter relay and 200 m race at Alwar (Rajasthan) and one bronze medal in Hammer throw at National Masters Games at Varanasi, recently.

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Principal IGGDC Jammu Dr Rakesh Gupta, faculty members and students posing together after inauguration of 'Sports Keeda'.

'Sports Keeda' inaugurated at IGGDC Jammu

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JAMMU, Feb 27: The celebrations of Annual Sports Week for dental students of Jammu and Kashmir commenced today at Indira Gandhi Government Dental College (IGGDC) Jammu.

The Sports Week named as 'Sports Keeda' under the aegis of Khelo India-Fit India Movement was inaugurated by Principal IGGDC Jammu Dr Rakesh Gupta. He highlighted the importance and benefits of sports for students and staff, which help them to teach life skills such as teamwork, leadership, accountability, patience and self-confidence.

It also prepares them to face life challenges and it is good for both physical and mental health. The guest of honour for the occasion was Vijay Saraf (vice president, All India Wushu Association and president of Wushu Association J&K), who

also stressed the importance of sports for the overall wellbeing of an individual.

The Event is taking place in the spacious playground of the Institution. A number of sports activities including like Cricket, Table Tennis, Badminton, Carrom, Chess, Tug of War, Throw Ball and Spoon Lemon Race will be organized during the Sports Week.

Both the Undergraduate and Postgraduate students, ex-Students, Teaching Staff, Administrative Staff and Paramedical Staff will be participating in these events with great zeal and camaraderie.

This whole sports event is being organized by sports committee members namely Dr Nitin Gautam, Dr Monica Kotwal, Dr Satvinder Singh, Dr Mandeep Kaur, Dr Vineet Kotwal, Dr Amritpal Singh, Dr Rudra Kaul, Dr Nanika Mahajan and Dr Ritesh Gupta under the guidance of Principal Dr Rakesh K Gupta.



A guest presenting trophy to a winner of MPL National Blitz Chess Championship in Jammu.

Grand Master Arvind of TN wins MPL Nat'l Blitz Chess C'ship

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JAMMU, Feb 27: Grand Master Arvind Chidambaram of Tamil Nadu (TN) won MPL National Blitz Chess Championship, outplaying all his opponents convincingly.

IM Nubair Sheikh of Maharashtra got 2nd place while IM Avinash Ramesh of Tamil Nadu won 3rd place. Dr Harleen Kour (Corona warrior award winning doctor of J&K) was chief guest on the occasion. She distributed cash prizes worth Rs 2.50 lakh among the top 15 position winners.

National Rapid and Blitz championship was organized by crown trust under the banner of All J&K Chess Association and J&K Sports Council on behalf of AICF at Kangra Fort banquet hall, Barnai, Jammu.

A total of about 180 persons including 130 players, officials etc from 23 states participated in Championship. 22 Grandmasters and International

Masters also participated in this prestigious National. Rapid event is played with a time control of 15 minutes with 10 second increment and Blitz with a time control of 3 minutes and 2 second increment per move.

Also present on the occasion were Atul Kumar Gupta (president, All J&K Chess Association), Dr AS Bhatia (Principal, GMC Rajouri), chairman of organizing committee of the event, Senior Prosecution Officer Raj Kumar, Kuljeet Singh Jammal, Advocate Himani Kohli, Excise Inspector Vikas Nanda, CA Vikas Dharmaania and Industrialist Amit Mahajan, Ajit Singh, Arvindu Sharma, Ritish Pathania among others.

Saleem Beig of Karnataka was chief arbiter of this event while Arvind Mahahal from Goa was deputy chief arbiter. Other arbiters include Bindu Pathania, Dinesh Gera and Ranjeet Singh, besides 5 technical supporters.

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Name of work: Engagement of Architect/Consultant for Development of Eco Park in Jammu.

Fresh EOI NO 93(P) OF 2022-23, DT: 25-02-2023 (3rd Call)

For & On behalf of the Commissioner, JMC, applications are invited through e-tendering mode from the interested & eligible Architectural Firms/Landscape Architects in response to this request for Providing Architectural, Design and other allied consultancy services for DEVELOPMENT OF ECO PARK IN JAMMU.

Approved Cost of the Project (Phase-Ist)	Rs. 870.00 Lacs
Period of downloading EOI document:-	From Date 25-02-2023 upto 08-03-2023 till 1400 Hrs
Place(s)	http://jktenders.gov.in
Last Date & Time of uploading Bids	08-03-2023 upto 1400 Hrs
Pre bid Meeting	02-03-2023 at 1300 Hrs in the office of Executive Engineer, Projects Div., JMC via online through the link: https://meet.google.com/oxb-qrbx-inr
Time and date for opening Technical Bid/Bids	09-03-2023 at 1200 Hrs
Time and Date of opening Financial bid	Shall be Communicated
Place of opening bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, Projects Division, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Town Hall, Jammu.
Officer inviting bids	Executive Engineer, Projects Division Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu Address: Jammu Municipal Corporation, Town Hall, Jammu

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