

Sinha attends 'Pedal for Peace' Award Ceremony at Srinagar

There is rising aspiration among youth to transform India into developed nation: LG

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SRINAGAR, June 25: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today attended the Award Ceremony of 'Pedal for Peace' Cycle Race -2023 organized by Jammu Kashmir Police.

The Lieutenant Governor felicitated the winners and congratulated them for showcasing great enthusiasm, commitment and passion. This year, 2557 Cyclists in 8 categories participated in Pedal for Peace.

"Enthusiasm and commitment of young generation to move forward with one goal and one resolve is the biggest asset of J&K administration. The entire country is proud of our youth for channelizing their energy and transforming the J&K UT into land of Enterprise, Innovation and Invention," Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said.

"Pedal for Peace is a symbol of peace, progress and prosperity and all the efforts are being made to ensure that our youth can improve the sporting talents they have, provided with opportunities to excel and their unique qualities are celebrated," he added.

At the award ceremony, the Lt Governor highlighted the key endeavours of the UT Administration to promote sports culture in the J&K UT.

Sport as a universal language which brings together all sections of society and unites people. It is the most powerful tool for holistic development and helps in achieving broader goals, the Lt Governor observed.

There is a rising aspiration among the youth to transform India into a developed nation. Today, our youth, especially our daughters, are scripting new history in every sector. Their determination, dedication and hard-work are ensuring inclusive development of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor said.

He lauded the Jammu Kashmir Police for inspiring youth and providing them opportunity to realize their aspirations through its unique initiative like Civic Action programme. The Lt Governor called upon all the sections of the society to come together to fight drug menace. It is necessary to foil nefarious efforts of the neighboring country and build a drug-free Jammu Kashmir, he said.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor ; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Dilbag Singh, DGP; SIM Gillani, Additional Director General of Police, J&K Armed Police, senior officers of Police and Civil Administration; members of J&K Cycling Association, prominent sports personalities attended the felicitation ceremony.

Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh said this event is becoming more and more interesting and added that the number of participants is growing gradually with each passing year. He said that peace marches on foot were held in the past and are still being held, adding that the slogan "Pedal for Peace" gives more strength to speed up the movement for securing more peace in quick time. He further said that the huge participation is a witness that expresses the desire of each of us to strengthen the environment of peace



Newly elected members of District Mountaineering Association, Jammu posing for a group photograph.

Rakesh Goswami elected as DMA prez

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JAMMU, June 25: Rakesh Goswami of Shivalik Mountaineering and Adventure Sports Club, Jammu has been unanimously elected as the President of District Mountaineering Association, Jammu in an election meeting held here at Press Club Jammu. Sonam Sidharth of Tawi Trekkers J&K was elected as General Secretary of the Association.

Abhinav shines at Ranchi

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JAMMU, June 25: Bringing laurels to Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, Abhinav Bakshi, the Speed Skater of the Roller Athlete Skating Club, Jindrah has won two gold medals in the 4th National Roller Skating Championship held at Ranchi.

He participated in the 1500 meters and 100 meters road races and won 2 gold medals in the respective races. The performance of Abhinav Bakshi at the national level has been appreciated by all including his father's hard work for pushing him in every step.



LG Manoj Sinha during the 'Pedal for Peace' cycling event organized by J&K Police in Srinagar on Sunday.

Further, and to get rid of the remnant anti national elements. He congratulated & welcomed all participants for becoming part of Pedal for peace mission.

In the morning ADGP Armed J&K; SJM Gillani flanked by DIG Armed Kashmir, Shahid Mehraj, DIG IRP Kashmir, Abdul Qayoom and Commandants of Kashmir based Armed as well as IRP battalions flagged off the different categories of cyclists from Lalit Ghat, Police Golf Course, Srinagar.

The Cycle Race-2023 (Pedal for Peace) event was open for all and was organized in eight different categories such as Senior (Men) above 17 years

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(ATB) Professional Cyclists, Senior (Men) above 17 years (MTB) Cyclists, Senior Girls above 17 years (MTB) Cyclists, Junior Girls under 17 years (MTB) Cyclists, Jr. Boys under 17 years (MTB) Cyclists, Sub-Junior (Boys) under 14 years (MTB) Cyclists, Sub-Junior (Girls) under 14 years (MTB) Cyclists and veterans above 45 years (MTB) cyclists took part in the event.

1st Category Senior Men above 17 years (ATB) Professional cyclists 1st prize was bagged by Adil Altaf of Srinagar Chest No. 29 Rs 50,000, 2nd by Adnan Bashir of Sopore Chest No.22 Rs 30,000, 3rd by Waheed Ahmad of Budgam Chest No.13 Rs 25,000, 4th by Ritesh of Haryana Chest No.30 Rs 15,000, and 5th by Subaib ul Mehraj of Srinagar Chest No.23 Rs 10,000.

2nd Category Winners among Senior Men above 17 years (MTB) cyclists are 1st Mohd Akbar Khan of Magam Chest No.390 Rs 30,000, 2nd Ronel Kh of Manipur Chest No.506 Rs 25,000, 3rd Avnesh Pareek of Rajasthan Chest No.316 Rs 20,000, 4th Parwez of Budgam Chest No.399 Rs 15,000, and 5th Prithvi Raj Singh of Madhya Pradesh Chest No.313 Rs 10,000.

3rd Category Winners among Senior Girls above 17 years (MTB) cyclists are 1st Prabhjyot Kour of Haryana Chest No.623 Rs 30,000, 2nd Mehak Gupta of Amritsar Chest No.626 Rs 25,000, 3rd Sara of Srinagar Chest No.609 Rs 20,000, 4th Piyanka of Haryana Chest No.621 Rs 15,000, and 5th Wafa Arif of Srinagar Chest No.619 Rs 10,000.

4th Category Winners among Junior Girls under 17 years (MTB) cyclists are 1st Zobia Tariq of Lal Bazar Chest No.710 Rs 20,000, 2nd Soliha Zahoor of Ganderbal Chest No.701 Rs 15,000, 3rd Madaha Mukhtar of Chhattab Chest No.706 Rs 10,000, 4th Adika Zehra of Srinagar Chest No 707 Rs 5,000 and 5th Faheena Afroza of Kulgam Chest No.721 Rs 3,000.

5th Category Winners among Junior Boys under 17 years (MTB) cyclists are 1st Jehangir Ahmad Ahanger of Budgam Chest No.962 Rs 20,000, 2nd Parvaiz Ahmad Mir of Budgam Chest No.914 Rs 15,000, 3rd Moin Nabi Bhat of Srinagar Chest No.966 Rs 10,000, 4th Wasif Ahmad Bhat of Srinagar Chest No 965 Rs 5,000, and 5th Umar Mohi Ud Din Chest No.937 Rs 3,000.

6th Category Winners among Sub Junior Boys under 14 years (MTB) cyclists 1st Arfat Bashir of Baramulla Chest No. 1459 Rs 20,000, 2nd Tajamul Rashid of Budgam Chest No. 1647 Rs 15,000, 3rd Ikhlaq Hussain Mir of Budgam Chest No. 1446 Rs 10,000, 4th Shah Sahil Manzoor of Srinagar Chest No. 1709 Rs 5,000, 5th Yasir Furqan of Budgam Chest No. 1485 Rs 3,000, 6th Faisal Gull of Budgam Chest No. 1715 Rs 1,000, 7th Kirtan Singh of Aankif Chest No. 1613 Rs 1,000, 8th Aakif Noor of Budgam Chest No. 1519 Rs 1,000, 9th Haseeb Jan of Srinagar Chest No. 1414 Rs 1,000 and 10th Muntazir Ali Matoo of Srinagar Chest No. 1532 Rs 1,000.

7th Category Winners among Sub Junior Girls under 14 years (MTB) cyclists 1st Yumna Parvaz of Srinagar Chest No. 1839 Rs 20,000, 2nd Farah Ahad of Srinagar Chest No. 1806 Rs 15,000, 3rd Nabila Khan of Srinagar Chest No. 1830 Rs 10,000, 4th Syed Mania of Srinagar Chest No. 1864 Rs 5,000, 5th Taqwa of Srinagar Chest No. 11836 Rs 3,000, 6th Muntaha Javaid of Srinagar Chest No. 1812 Rs 1,000, 7th Rayeesa Zehra of Srinagar Chest No. 1817 Rs 1,000, 8th Sifah Showkat of Srinagar Chest No. 1840 Rs 1,000, 9th Wani Insha of Ganderbal Chest No. 1855 Rs 1,000 and 10th Wani Iqra of Ganderbal Chest No. 1856 Rs 1,000.

8th Category Winners among Veteran (Men) above 45 years (MTB) cyclists 1st Faheem Ali of Srinagar Chest No.2007 Rs 15,000, 2nd Dr. Sheikh Tariq of Lalbazar Srinagar Chest No.2006 Rs 10,000, 3rd Muzaffar Ahmad of Srinagar Chest No.2029 Rs 5,000, 4th Asif Maqbool of Srinagar Chest No.2019 Rs 3,000 and 5th Parvaiz Ahmad of Srinagar Chest No.2012 Rs 2,000.

The Raffle draw winners 1st Prize went to Azan Ashiq of Srinagar Chest No. 918, 2nd Prize Irfan Ali Kanoo of Srinagar Chest No.394 and 3rd Prize was given to Chest No.966 Mumin Nabi Bhat.

4th round of 'Sunday Series' held

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JAMMU, June 25: Prarna Charak of Government College for Women, Parade, Jammu who secured first position in all the four rounds in Women's category of the Sunday Series of Sport Climbing Competitions was declared the "Champion of the Month" with 400 points after the conclusion of the 4th round, today. She was followed by Payal Sharma (290 points) and Shagun Sharma (130 points) of the same college in 2nd and 3rd positions.

Similarly, Aryan Rauthan of Army Public School, Damana who secured the top position in the first three rounds and second in 4th round of the competition in the Sub Junior Boys category bagged the title of "Champion of the Month" with 380 points. He was



Climbers posing for a group photograph during 'Sunday Series' Competitions at Jammu.

followed by Deepak Singh (165points) and Udhay Singh (130points).

In the Mini Boys category Vidur Shoor of G D Goenka Public School Jammu who collected 365 points by securing first position in the first three rounds and third position in 4th round today was declared the "Champion of the Month". Hashveer with 260 points and Devansh Sharma with 195 points bagged the 2nd& 3rd positions.

However, there was tough competition in the Mini Girls category. Manya Verma who collected 360 points by securing first place in the 1st and 2nd rounds and 2nd

position in the 3rd and 4th rounds of the competition won the prestigious title of "Champion of the Month". Manya was closely followed by Ayaana Bhagat (345points) who after securing the 3rd and 2nd positions in the first and second round of the competition clinched the top spot in the 3rd and 4th round of the competition. Nivedita Kotwal bagged the 3rd spot with 260 points.

In the Junior Boys category Herman Samotra of Sprawling Buds ICSE School was declared the "Champion of the Month" with 325 points. He was followed by Aaradhya Manhas (280points) of St. Xavier Senior Secondary School and Saksham Slatthia (275 points). Kashish Bharti of Govt. Hr. Secondary School, Muthi who participated only in the 3rd and 4th round of the competition and

bagged the 1st position in both the rounds was at the 4th spot with 200 points.

There was not much competition in the Junior Girls Category in which Meetal Khajuria was adjudged the "Champion of the Month" after the 4th round of the competition. She was followed by Arushi and Riya Choudhary. Similarly, Jeevika was declared the "Champion of the Month" who was followed by Priya and Diya. All the winners shall be honoured by Tawi Trekkers J&K in a function to be held during the 5th round of the "Sunday Series of Competitions" on 2nd July.

Gauhati High Court stays Wrestling Federation of India elections

GUWAHATI, June 25:

The Gauhati High Court today stayed the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) elections, scheduled for July 11, on a petition filed by the Assam Wrestling Association.

Assam Wrestling Association, in its petition filed against the WFI, IOA ad-hoc body and the Sports Ministry, said that though it was entitled to be an affiliated member of the WFI, it was not granted one "despite recommendation made by the then WFI Executive Committee at WFI's General Council in Gonda, on November 15, 2014.

The ad-hoc panel has fixed June 25 as the last date for receiving the names for the electoral college while the while the elections to elect the new governing body would be held on July 11.

The petitioner contended that unless their body is affiliated to the WFI, and they can nominate their representative to the electoral college, the election process should be stalled.

The court directed the respondents -- WFI ad-hoc body and the Sports Ministry -- that till the next date is fixed for hearing they should not proceed with the elections of the Executive Committee of the WFI.

The court fixed July 17 as the next date for hearing. (PTI)

Indian team crosses 150-medal mark

BERLIN, June 25:

Roller skaters continued to impress as they grabbed two gold and three silvers on the penultimate today to help India go past 150-medal mark at the Special Olympics World Games here.

India now have a whopping 157 medals (66 gold, 50 silver, 41 bronze) with a day left in the Games. Arayan (300m) and Deepen (1000m) were the gold medal winner roller skaters.

The Indian men mixed 5x5 basketball team beat Portugal 6-3 to claim gold. The women's 5x5 team settled for a silver after losing to Sweden in the final on Saturday. (PTI)

4 years on, Badminton stadium Arnia lies incomplete

Ranjit Thakur

JAMMU, June 25: Four years on, the construction of Badminton Sports Stadium in Jammu's Arnia Tehsil has been halted, after local residents raised questions over its 'shape and height'.

The residents of border area Arnia have been demanding that work on Indoor Badminton Sports Stadium must be resumed at an earliest according to national standards. The work on the Badminton stadium inside Red Rose Cricket Stadium, Arnia was started four years back under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) in 2018-19 with estimated cost of Rs 15 Lakh, but after spending around half of the amount, the work was put on halt due to public resentment.

The villagers alleged that the height of a stadium should be 42 feet as per International standards but they are constructing it just above 22 feet which do not even meet the lay down standards for a local stadium.

"I don't know who designed it so or the engineer has no knowledge. We have requested the concerned authorities on several occasions to increase its height. The players cannot practice and play in a stadium like this," a local resident said. "Four years have passed but this indoor stadium is not even seen near to 50 percent completion. We have approached the concerned authorities over the height and pacing of the work, but in response we just have got assurance nothing else," a local told the media.

"There is a lot of talent here in this border belt of Jammu region, but we have no facilities, if we compare the sports infrastructure of our region with Kashmir, they have more options and better conditions and infrastructure to excel in sports," he added.

Sarpanch, Treva, Balbir Kour, while speaking exclusively to Excelsior said, "The Government



A view of incomplete Badminton Sports Stadium at Arnia.

took up a great initiative to provide sports stadiums in every nook and corner to boost sports, but the stadium which is under construction since 2018 is clear evidence of the system's failure. It's just a four wall structure with no infra and other required equipment."

"A fund of Rs 15 lakh was allotted for the stadium under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) in 2018-19 to be built badminton stadium inside Red Rose Cricket Stadium, Arnia to provide better facilities for players in border areas, but till the time the work has reached just halfway. In the first phase of stadium construction, Rs 7 lakh has been utilized, though the tenders of second phase construction are finalized, the work has been obstructed by villagers over the height concern; we have demanded at least 37 feet height, we cannot leave our players to suffocate here," Balbir Kour said.

Block Development Officer (BDO), Arnia; Gurjit Singh told the Excelsior, "The construction of the badminton stadium has been stopped after locals raised objections over the height. The project of this stadium was prepared in 2018-19 under Border Area Development with allotment of Rs 15 lakh and half of the amount has been spent on its construction so far. We can't make changes into the project plan on our own, if Panchayat gives us any memorandum, we will forward it to higher authorities only then something can be done in this regard."

Players from different villages of the border areas said that they were very much hopeful with the advancement of sports infrastructure in the rural areas. With these projects new hope and new venues will await them in different sports activities and will also help in eradication of drug abuse and other social menaces.



Participants along with Management of Crossway Cricket Academy pose for a group photograph during Summer Camp in Jammu.

Cricket Summer Camp concludes

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, June 25: Crossway Cricket Academy (CCA) has concluded a two week-long Cricket Summer Camp here today. The summer camp was conducted successfully under the guidance of Sukomal Ganguly (Head Coach).

The summer camp offered students a complete experience of learning cricketing skills with various modules of batting, bowling and fielding which are followed at national cricket level, apart from that fitness programmes such as YO-YO tests, yoga and 12 minute test were also conducted during the event.

Dada Ab Rouf Bhat, S/o Ab Majeed Bhat, R/o Vessu Anantnag, Kashmir has been declared qualified for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Commerce by University of Jammu. He worked on the topic "Examining the Impact of Co-creation Dynamics on Service Innovation Performance in Hospitality Industry" under the supervision of Dr. Vivek Sharma, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Ljfelong Learning, University of Jammu.

Hemender Singh, S/o Kamlesh Kumari and Shanker Singh, R/o Dream City Colony Muthi, Jammu, who has been awarded Gold Medal in M.Sc. Biochemistry for the year 2017, during the Special Convocation of University of Jammu recently.

Ananta Peshin, D/o Surinder Peshin and Suman Lata Khazanaka (Peshin), who has been awarded Gold Medal in English in the Special Convocation of University of Jammu, recently.

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