



SAI sanctioned assistance for athletes in IBSF World Men's Billiards Championship

NEW DELHI, APRIL 30: The Sports Authority of India (SAI) sanctioned financial assistance for participation in the IBSF World Men's Billiards Championship in Ireland, backing the 2026 edition World Champion Sourav Kothari, multiple-time world champion Pankaj Advani and coach Ashok Shandilya.

The championship, which concluded on April 29, saw the trio take part in the Ireland competition thanks to funding by the government under the Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSFs) scheme, according to a release.

SAI approved a total expenditure of approximately Rs 6.46 lakh to the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India (BSFI) towards the team's participation, covering key components such as travel, boarding, lodging



and other competition-related expenses, a release said.

On April 29, Sourav Kothari triumphed spectacularly to retain the 2026 IBSF World Billiards Championship, defeating Pankaj Advani in a dominant all-Indian final on Wednesday in Carlow, Ireland.

From battling back from

significant deficits to producing a mesmerising 485 break in the final, this victory was a testament to his heart, resilience, and unwavering belief.

On Thursday, during a press conference, Sourav Kothari spoke candidly about his emotional struggles and personal loss, recalling how he went on to

win a national title just days after the death of his father.

"I don't think I've been mentally tough, honestly. I don't know really. It's a huge question mark as to how I've managed to win," Kothari said.

He recalled the period following his father's demise, saying he was in Kolkata when he received the news and broke down in isolation. "I won a national title seven days after dad passed away. And I was sitting in my room in Calcutta, and I locked myself, and I was weeping," he said.

Kothari added that he was encouraged to continue competing by the BSFI Secretary and his mother despite the emotional turmoil. "I get a call from the BSFI Secretary saying that, you know, your father would have liked you to come and play...

Ashima Sher, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Hqr), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development.

Atul Kumar, Secretary, J&K Services Selection Board, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.

Avleen Kour Bali, Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People.

Sapna Kotwal, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Recovery), Jammu.

Vishwajeet, Additional Secretary, Culture Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary in JK House, Chandigarh.

Kulbushan Khajuria, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Rajouri, is transferred and posted as Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Additional CEO, Smart City, Jammu, in addition to his own duties.

Chander Parkash, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Additional Secretary, Jal Shakti Department.

Afaq Ahmed, JKAS, Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Mining Department.

Renu Kumari, Principal, Excise and Taxation Training Institute, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Hqr), Jammu.

Zaheer Abbas Bhat, Deputy Director, Rural Sanitation, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes, Jammu (North), hqr at Udhampur.

Naresh Kumar, Additional Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Hospitality and Protocol, Jammu.

Naser Ali, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (M&P), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department.

Amir Hussain, Chief Executive Officer, Emergency Relief Organization, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Power Development Department.

Kusum Chib, Joint Director, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Stamps), Jammu.

Tinna Mahajan, Deputy Excise Commissioner (Accounts), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department.

Rizwan Asgar, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Transport Commissioner.

Vikas Anand, Joint Transport Commissioner, is transferred and posted as Joint Registrar, Cooperatives (Audit), Jammu.

Varinder Gupta, Registrar, District Reasi, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department.

Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Additional Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, is transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Kupwara, against an available vacancy.

Parvinder Kour, Sub-Registrar, Jammu (North), is transferred and posted as Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Jammu.

Umesh Sharma, Additional Secretary, School Education Department, transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Labour and Employment Department.

Mohamad Ashraf, Additional Secretary, Power Development Department, is transferred and posted as General Manager, DIC, Baramulla. He shall also hold the charge of the post of General Manager, DIC, Bandipora, in addition to his own duties.

Abdul Quyum, Additional Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, is transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Ramban.

Sheeba Inayat, Development Officer, Handicrafts (Textiles), Kashmir, is transferred and posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Baramulla, against an available vacancy.

Abid Iqbal Malik, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Pulwama, is transferred and posted as General Manager, DIC, Srinagar, against an available vacancy.

Vikas Sharma, Deputy Director, Estates, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary, Higher Education Department.

Hilal Ahmad Bhat, Deputy District Election Officer, Bandipora, is transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of Mining Department for his posting as DMO.

Mohd Rafiq, Sub-Registrar, Thanamandi, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Post-Chayat, Rajouri. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Rajouri, in addition to his own duties.

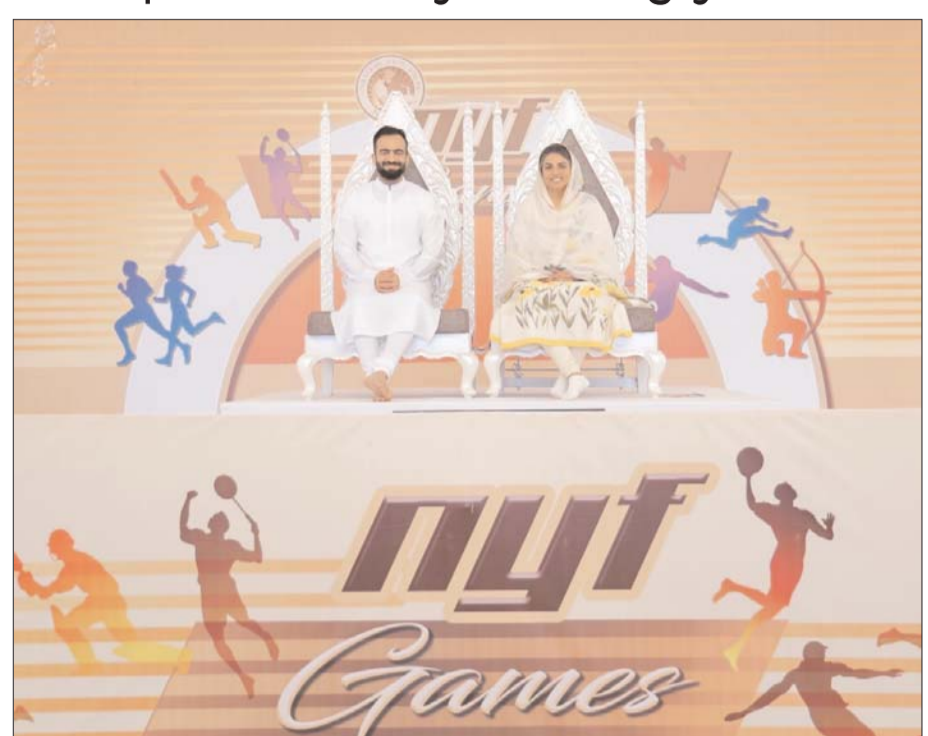
Shabir Ahmad Hakak, Sub-Registrar, Kangan, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Ganderbal, is transferred and posted as Deputy Director, Rural Sanitation, Kashmir.

'NYF Games strengthen spirit of service, discipline, unity among youth'

KULLU, APRIL 30: The Nirankari Youth Forum (NYF) Games were inaugurated at Dhalpur Ground, Kullu, in the gracious presence of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj and Nirankari Rajpita Ramit Ji. This NYF event is a joint initiative of the states of Jammu Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

The program commenced with flag hoisting followed by the lighting of the ceremonial torch, filling the entire atmosphere with enthusiasm and energy. The zeal and excitement of the youth were truly remarkable, which was appreciated by Satguru Mata Ji with words of encouragement like "Well done," uplifting the spirits of all participants.

In her divine blessings, Satguru Mata Ji expressed that NYF Games are not merely a means of physical fitness but also an excellent opportunity to dedicate the body in service of the Nirankar through "Nriyavyam". By the grace of the Divine, excellent coordination was witnessed through-



out the event, even though a few games had to be postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

The significance of NYF lies in its ability to connect youth with spirituality, discipline, selfless service, and unity. It is a multicultural, multilingual, and vibrant

program that truly reflects the essence of "Many colors within the colorless," symbolizing unity in diversity.

On this occasion, an inspiring message of teamwork and unity was shared — true victory lies in moving forward together with everyone. The youth were

also encouraged to uphold the spirit of service through body, mind, and wealth, and to imbibe the teachings of the upcoming NYS to make their lives meaningful and successful.

May the Nirankar continue to shower His blessings upon all.

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In major reshuffle, govt orders transfers, postings of 179 officers

Suraj Parkash Rukwal, Director, Geology and Mining, J&K, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Tourism Department.

Sham Lal, Director, Panchayati Raj and ex-officio Special Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, is transferred and posted as Additional Commissioner in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.

Sukhdev Singh Samyal, Additional District Development Commissioner, Reasi, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Power Development Department.

Pran Singh, Special Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, is transferred and posted as Joint Financial Commissioner, Agrarian Reforms, in the office of Financial Commissioner, Revenue, J&K.

Rakesh Kumar, under orders of transfer as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Rajouri, is posted as Member, J&K Services Selection Board.

Khurshid Ahmad Shah, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, is posted as Vice-Chairman, Lakes, Conservation and Management Authority, J&K.

Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Srinagar, is transferred and posted as Director, Estates, Kashmir.

Ashish Kumar Gupta, Special Secretary, Power Development Department, is transferred and posted as Director, Disaster Management, J&K.

Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, Member, J&K Services Selection Board, is transferred and posted as Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Srinagar.

Nargis Suraiya, Special Secretary, Mining Department, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Higher Education Department.

Deep Raj, Special Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, is transferred and posted as Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Jammu.

Pardeep Singh, Managing Director, SIDCO, holding additional charge of Managing Director, SICOP, is transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation.

Krishan Lal, Special Secretary, Social Welfare Department, is transferred and posted as Additional District Development Commissioner, Reasi.

Nazir Ahmad Mir, Special Secretary, Transport Department, is transferred and posted as Additional District Development Commissioner, Bandipora, against an available vacancy.

Shafiq Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Stamps), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Agriculture Production Department.

Vir Krishan Dhar, Special Secretary, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, is transferred and posted as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Udhampur, against an available vacancy.

Shokat Mehmod, Special Secretary, Information Technology Department, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Social Welfare Department.

Jahangir Hashmi, under orders of transfer as Registrar, Kulgam, is posted as Additional Registrar, Cooperatives, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Atul Sharma, Managing Director, J&K Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation, is transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Minerals Limited.

Khurshid Ahmad, Director, Litigation, J&K, is transferred and posted as OSD to CM's Advisor.

Ritu Mahajan, Additional Secretary, School Education Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Labour and Employment Department.

Subah Mehta, Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, holding additional charge of Additional CEO, Smart City, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Jammu.

Vinakshi Koul, Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu, is transferred and posted as Deputy Excise Commissioner (Accounts), Jammu.

Neelam Khajuria, Additional Secretary, Science and Technology Department, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (M&P), Jammu.

Inderjeet Singh, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Recovery), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu.

Priyanka Bhat, Joint Registrar, Cooperatives (Audit), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Principal, Excise and Taxation Training Institute, Nagrota, Jammu.

Anil Kumar Chandail, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes, Jammu (North), hqr at Udhampur, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department.

Ajeet Singh, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Enforcement), Samba, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-I), Jammu.

Pardeep Singh Chib, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-I), Jammu, is transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Enforcement), Samba.

DYSS Poonch organizes series of sports activities under Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
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The Department of Youth Services & Sports Poonch today organized a series of sports and fitness activities including yoga sessions across different zones of the district to promote Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan.

The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 7,570 youth, reflecting growing awareness and a strong commitment among young individuals towards a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

As part of the programme, intramural competitions were conducted across multiple zones, with a total participation of 3,711 students (boys and girls) in games such as kho-kho, kabaddi, chess, volleyball and badminton.

Participants actively engaged in all activities, adding vibrancy and inclusivity to the campaign. The events were conducted with the active involvement of students and staff, showcasing strong coordination and enthusiasm at every level.

A dedicated yoga session, along with multiple sports activities were also organized to enhance both physical fitness and mental well-being. The activities also instilled values of discipline,



unity and confidence among the participants.

Additionally, an awareness programme was held to educate participants about the harmful effects of drug abuse and performance-enhancing substances, while promoting the spirit of fair play in sports.

Adding a strong social message, all participants collectively took a pledge "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Sports," reaffirming their commitment to leading a healthy and responsible life.

At the district level, the programme was conducted under the supervision of Mohammad Qasim, while

on-ground coordination and management were efficiently handled by Vijay Kumar, ensuring the smooth execution of all activities.

The programme concluded on a highly motivating note, with participants displaying remarkable enthusiasm, discipline and sportsmanship.

Indian quartet gears up for Mauritius showdown

PORT LOUIS [MAURITIUS], APRIL 30: India will have a strong four-player presence at the inaugural MCB Ladies Classic Mauritius, with Diksha Dagar leading the charge alongside Tvesa Malik, Vani Kapoor and Hitaashee Bakshi at the scenic Legends Course.

Vani Kapoor arrives with recent experience of playing in Mauritius, having featured in the IGPL Invitation at the Anahita Course. Meanwhile, fellow LET regulars Pranavi Urs and Avani Prashanth have opted to skip the event to take a short break.

Diksha, who has set her sights on clinching the Women's Indian Open this season, will begin her cam-



paign early at 7:20 am in the company of Alessandra Fanali and Alexandra Forsterling. Hitaashee Bakshi is paired with Lianna Bailey and Gabriella Cowley for the opening two rounds.

Tvesa Malik, aiming to make a strong push to re-

gain her tour card, is grouped with Lilly May Humphreys and Bobbi Brown.

Vani Kapoor will tee off alongside Corrine Viden and Chloe Williams in her opening round.

All eyes will also be on

England's Esme Hamilton, fresh off her maiden LET victory at the Investec SA Women's Open. Carrying strong momentum, Hamilton has travelled directly to Mauritius and will look to build on her success. She has climbed to fourth in the LET Order of Merit and is eager to maintain her impressive form.

The tournament features a competitive field of 120 players contesting a 54-hole stroke play event at the Constant Belle Mare Plage's Legends Course, known for its narrow fairways and challenging greens.

Hamilton will begin her title bid at 7:40 am local time, playing alongside Agathe Laisne of France and Sweden's Kajsa Arweffall.