



DC unveils Trophy, Kits for maiden Kathua Football League

Mega event aims to promote sports culture, eliminate drug menace

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today unveiled the trophy and team kits for the maiden Kathua Football League, here at a ceremony held in the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, followed by a media briefing.

The first match of the league shall be played tomorrow, marking the commencement of the much-awaited football tournament being organised by the District Administration Kathua under the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan. The objective is promotion of sports culture, encouraging youth participation and providing a structured platform to local football talent, besides mobilizing youth participation against drug menace. Addressing the media, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the



role of sports in fostering discipline, teamwork, leadership and a healthy lifestyle among youth. He called upon young people to actively participate in sporting activities and make the best use of the opportunities being created at the district level.

The media briefing also highlighted the objectives of the league and the initiatives of the District Adminis-

tration towards strengthening the sporting ecosystem, promoting fitness and creating greater opportunities for youth to pursue sporting excellence.

The league will feature 12 teams from different parts of Kathua district, providing aspiring footballers an opportunity to showcase their talent, gain competitive exposure and nurture their sporting potential.

With the inaugural match scheduled for tomorrow, the Kathua Football League is expected to generate enthusiasm among football enthusiasts and youth across the district.

Among others, ADC Mahima Madan, CPO Ranjeet Thakur, DYSSO Sunil Kumar, DIO Gurpreet Singh besides captains of participating teams were also present.

Division-Level Inter-District Basketball Tournament for U/14 Boys & Girls begins

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Department of Youth Services & Sports Udhampur today organized the Division-Level Inter-District Basketball Tournament/Competitions for Under-14 Boys and Girls here at Subash Stadium, Udhampur.

Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa, the chief guest, declared the tournament open and extended his best wishes to all the participating sportspersons and teams.

Around 87 young sportspersons, including 48 boys and 39 girls, representing different districts of Jammu Division are participating in the competitions.

The tournament is being conducted under the patronage and guidance of Director General, Youth Services & Sports, J&K Anuradha Gupta and under the overall supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer Tarsem Singh.



While addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner welcomed all the participating players and appreciated their enthusiasm and dedication towards sports.

The DC highlighted the need for continuous improvement of sports infrastructure. He informed that Udhampur administration recently held discussion with the Directorate of Youth Services & Sports and J&K Sports Council for the upgradation of sports

infrastructure and provision of better facilities for budding sportspersons of the district. He called upon the youth, sportspersons and civil society to give their suggestions for further development and upgradation of sports facilities in the district. He assured that the District Administration would extend all possible support for promoting sports and creating a conducive sporting ecosystem for young athletes.

Referring to the Khelo In-

dia initiative, the DC observed that there has been a significant change in the attitude of parents towards sports. "Earlier parents questioned their children for spending time in sports, today they actively encourage them to participate in sports, undergo professional coaching and pursue competitive sporting careers," he noted. He called upon the youth to stay away from drugs and adopt a healthy and positive lifestyle.

Poonch hosts Division-Level Table Tennis Championship

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The Inter-District Provincial-Level Table Tennis Competitions for U-14, U-17 and U-19 Boys and Girls commenced today at the Indoor Sports Stadium.

The championship has brought together promising young table tennis players from different districts, providing them with a valuable platform to showcase their skills, gain competitive exposure and strive for excellence at higher levels.

The tournament was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma, who interacted with the participating players and extended his best wishes to all the teams. He encouraged the young athletes to compete with discipline, confidence, dedication and true sportsmanship. He highlighted the significance of sports in nurturing discipline, teamwork, confidence, leadership and a positive competitive spirit among youth.

The participating players expressed enthusiasm and determination to perform their best in the championship. They said that competitions at the provincial level provide valuable exposure and experience while motivating them to pursue their sporting goals with greater dedication.

District Youth Sports and Service Officer Mohammad Qasim said that the compe-



titions are being conducted in a systematic and disciplined manner while ensuring adherence to rules, fair play and proper sporting standards. He appreciated the enthusiasm and cooperation of the participating players, coaches, officials and supporting staff during the event.

Meanwhile, the Department of Youth Services &

Sports Poonch also continued its youth-centric initiatives under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan and Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue. Today, around 2,379 individuals took part in activities associated with the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, while approximately 327 registrations were recorded for the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dia-

logue, reflecting the active participation of youth in awareness, nation-building and community-oriented initiatives. The Inter-District Provincial-Level Table Tennis Competitions will continue till September 19, 2026, providing participants with opportunities to showcase their talent and compete with players from different districts.

Pattan crowned U-17 Football Champions, defeats Sopore in thrilling Final

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Zone Pattan emerged victorious in the Inter-Zonal District-Level Football Championship for Under-17 Boys, clinching the coveted title with a 1-0 win over Zone Sopore in the final held today at Showkat Ali Stadium, Khawaja Bagh, Baramulla.

The championship was organised by the Department of Youth Services & Sports, Baramulla, as part of its ongoing efforts to promote sports, nurture young talent and provide competitive platforms to budding athletes.

The final ceremony was graced by Mushtaq Ahmad Pampori, District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO), Baramulla, who lauded the participating players and officials for their commitment, disci-



pline and sporting spirit. He also presented trophies to the victorious and runner-up teams.

Meanwhile, the Inter-Zonal District-Level Football Competition for Under-19 Boys is scheduled to commence tomorrow at the

same venue, with teams from different zones set to compete for the district-level title.

In another sporting event held today, the Inter-Zonal District-Level Handball Competition for Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19

Girls was organised at the Indoor Stadium, Khawaja Bagh. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 100 girls, reflecting the growing interest and participation of young sportspersons in the district.

7th District Yogasana Sports Championship 2026 concludes at Indoor Stadium Doda

DODA, SEPTEMBER 11: The two-day 7th District Doda Yogasana Sports Championship 2026 concluded today here at the Indoor Stadium, with enthusiastic participation and impressive performances by young yogasana athletes. Organized by the District Yogasana Sports Association, the championship provided a platform to students to showcase their skill, flexibility, balance and discipline.

The championship was conducted on September 10 and 11 under the supervision of Organizing Secretary Divya Gupta, Zonal Head Jammu.

As many as 100 students from different schools and sports clubs participated with great enthusiasm, competing in six events across different age categories. The closing ceremony witnessed outstand-



ing performances by the participating children, followed by the presentation of medals to the deserving winners.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Anil Thakur was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Chairman, AMBA Kids School Ashwani attended as the Special Guest. Manager Indoor Stadium Rajesh Kotwal attended as the Observer.

In the Senior Category, Nitika and Amit (Boys) secured Gold Medals, while Naresh won a Silver Medal.

In the Senior B Category, Arpandeep bagged Gold and Chandrakanta secured Silver. In the Sub-Junior, Junior and Cadet Categories, Gold Medals were won by Mehfooz, Ritesh, Krish (Cadet Category), Sonakshi, Kanika and Rubika, while Akshu and Ankita secured Silver Medals.

Addressing the gathering, the Organizing Secretary congratulated all the medal winners for their hard work, dedication and sporting spirit.

She also expressed gratitude to the District Administration Doda, dignitaries, school managements, sports clubs and parents for their valuable support and cooperation in making the championship a grand success.

The successful conduct of the championship reflects the growing interest among youth in yogasana and sports, while promoting physical fitness, mental discipline and a healthy lifestyle among the younger generation.

CM Omar congratulates Para Archer Sheetal Devi on World Archery Para Series Gold

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 11: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has congratulated Indian para archer Ms. Sheetal Devi on winning the Gold Medal in the Women's Compound Individual Event at the World Archery Para Series 2026, Stage III, held in Ahmedabad.

The Chief Minister said Sheetal's remarkable achievement, which also includes a Bronze Medal in the Compound Mixed Team Event, is a proud moment for the entire nation. He wished her continued success and greater laurels in all her future endeavours.

The 19-year-old World Champion defeated Kazakhstan's Aizada Seidan in a shoot-off after the gold medal contest ended in a 144-144 draw.

Sheetal shot a 10 with her shoot-off arrow, while Seidan managed a 9, securing the title for the Indian archer at the Sabarmati Riverfront.

