

## **B B Vyas inaugurates 4-days sports festival at Baramulla**

### ***Advisor stressed for opting Sports as Career avenue***

Baramulla, 25 September: In a bid to give fillip to the sports activities and to entangle more and more youth in such events, Advisor to Governor B B Vyas today inaugurated 4-day long sports festival here at Showkat Ali Stadium Baramulla which witnessed the overwhelming participation of young and enthusiastic sports persons and athletes of the district.

The event is being organized by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council wherein about 1100 players are going to participate.

The event, which commenced today, will culminate on 29th of September during which a series of sports activities viz volley ball, Kabadi, handball, hockey and other games shall be organized at different levels.

A colorful cultural program was presented by school children and other cultural tropes on the occasion.

Inaugural Kabbadi match was played between Handwara Kabbadi Club and Sopore Association and was won by the Sopore Association. Winners were given awards for their felicitation.

B B Vyas, who was the chief guest on the occasion hailed the organizers for organizing the festival and said that such events enables our youth to channelize their potential in a positive direction. He said that sports activities have a profound and significant impact on the social and mental development of our youth besides urging them to participate with more frequency in such events.

Reiterating upon the Government's commitment of developing sports infrastructure, the Advisor said that various sports activities are being organized across the length and breadth of the state under centrally sponsored "Khelo India" pan india sports initiative. Moreover, he stressed for opting sports as carrier opportunities in order to bring laurels for the Country in general and the State in particular.

"There is no dearth of talent in our State. It needs to be harnessed in a positive way so that youth get a chance to display their skills and move ahead", B B Vyas added.

Another Advisor to Governor, K Vijay Kumar, who was the guest of honour at the event had an interactive session with the audience and sought their feedbacks and suggestions with regard to development of Sports activities in the district. He emphasized upon the parents to let their wards to choose sports field as the carrier avenue for their holistic development.

District Development commissioner Dr Nasir Ahmad Naqash expressed gratitude of the participants and assured every possible support from the district administration in promoting sports culture.

Among others Secretary Sports Council, Director General Youth Services and Sports, SSP Baramulla and other officers from civil and police administration were present on the occasion.