

# 34th Jammu District Volleyball Championship begins

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JAMMU: 34th Jammu District Volleyball Championship for boys & girls being organised by Jammu District Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir commenced at volleyball court, MA Stadium here on Friday.

The tournament, in which ten boys and six girls teams of district Jammu are participating, was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mamta Sharma, SP South Jammu.

Sidharth Daluja President Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir along with Manmeet Singh President Jammu District Volleyball Association and other dignitaries presented memento to the Chief Guest, Mamta Sharma.

Speaking to the gathering, the Chief Guest lauded the efforts of the organizers and association in promoting the sports in general and game of volleyball in particular thus involving youth in constructing activities. A veteran volleyball player of J&K and father of SP South, Subash Sharma was also present.

Other dignitaries present were Chief Executive Officer



President VAJK, Sidharth Daluja and other office bearers presenting memento to Chief Guest, Mamta Sharma, SP South Jammu, Chief Guest interacting with players. Opening match in progress. Girls and boys teams posing for photograph with Chief Guest and other dignitaries.

VAJK, Kuldip Magotra, General Secretary, Vijay Magotra, Treasurer Ramesh Sharma, Organizing Secretary HS Gill, Rajeev Dogra Senior Volleyball Coach SAI, Manpreet Kour,

Veena Kumari, Akbar Ali, Mulkh Raj Sharma and Naresh Kumar.

Earlier, H.S Gill, Secretary Jammu District Volleyball Association, welcomed the Chief Guest and

other dignitaries present on the occasion and also highlighted district volleyball association activities for promoting the volleyball game in Jammu district.

The opening day of the

competition witnessed preliminary rounds in both boys and girls sections.

In the opening match of boys section, Stadium B outplayed Volleyball Club Nagrota by 2-0.

To encourage the teams, President VAJK, Sidharth Daluja presented a cash prize of Rs 3,000 to the winning team of opening match, Stadium B and Rs 2000 to Player of the Match, Sunil

Sharma of Stadium B team.

Today's matches were officiated by the VFI qualified referees including Amarjeet Singh, Mulkh Raj Sharma, Naresh Kumar, Amit Sharma, Anil Kumar,

Bhawna Sharma and Neha. The Results: Boys semifinals: Volleyball Club Allah beat Stadium B 2-0 (25-16, 25-19) and Border Line Club Pallanwalla beat Stadium A 2-1 (23-25, 25-21, 15-11).

League Round: Stadium B beat Volleyball Club Nagrota 2-0 (25-09, 25-23); Border Line Club beat Volleyball Club HS Domana 2-1 (25-08, 23 -25, 15-09); Volleyball Club Allah beat GHSS Sunjwan 2-0 (25-10, 25-08); Stadium A beat Trikuta Club Salehar 2-0 (25-15, 25-18); Border Line Club Pallanwalla beat FC Club RS Pura 2-1 (25-08, 23-25, 15-11).

In girls section semifinals: Trikuta Volleyball Club beat Volleyball Club Nagrota by 2-0 and Trikuta Club Junior beat JK Volleyball Club by 2-0.

League match: JK Volleyball Club beat Volleyball Club Shastri Nagar by 2-0 in opening match.

Tomorrow Fixtures: Trikuta Club to meet Trikuta Club Junior in girls final and Volleyball Club Allah to face Border Line Club Pallanwalla in boys final at 2:30 PM.

## Umran's heroics goes in vain as Maharashtra scripts thrilling win over J&K

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CHANDIGARH: After a brilliant display by J&K's top and middle-order batsmen, especially Abdul Samad and Shubham Khajuria, speed sensation Umran Malik was at his artistic best, however his heroic figures of 4 for 27 in 4 overs went in vain as equally poised Maharashtra scripted a thrilling win by 3 wickets over Jammu and Kashmir in Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy at IS Bindra Stadium, Chandigarh on Friday.

When Maharashtra needed 8 runs in last two overs, Umran bowled a top-class penultimate over; taking 2 wickets by conceding just 4 overs to keep 4 runs for Parvez Rasool who bowled the last over. Rasool after taking the wicket of dangerous looking AN Kazi on the very first ball of the last, bowled another dot ball, before number-9 batsman SS Bachhav smashed a winning boundary for his team. International cricketer Rahul Tripathi was the top scorer for Maharashtra, scoring 59 runs off just 32 balls, studded with 6 fours and 3 sixes, while Pinal Shah contributed 51 off 38 balls with 8 boundaries.

DM Hinganekar (17) and International cricketer Rituraj Gaikwad (12) also con-



tributed to the team's success.

For J&K, Umran Malik was the wrecker-in-chief who took 4 wickets by giving away 27 runs in his 4 overs including the wickets of Shah and Gaikwad, while Rasool bagged 2 wickets by conceding 23 runs in 3.3 overs including the wicket of Tripathi. Abid Mushtaq also claimed one wicket.

Earlier, batting first, J&K scored a good total of 175 runs in the stipulated 20 overs. Abdul Samad top scored with power-packed 55 runs off just 33 balls, studded with 4 fours and 3 sixes, while Shubham Khajuria contributed 44 off 28 balls with 8 fours and one six. Skipper Shubham Singh Pundir and Jatin Wadhawan contributed brisk 19 runs each, while Parvez Rasool chipped in with unbeaten 15 runs.

For Maharashtra, RS Hangargekar and AN Kazi took 2 wickets each, while MD Ingale claimed 1 wicket.

Meanwhile, the Sub-Committee Members of JKCA namely Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration; Cricketer Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development and Advocate Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs JKCA in a message encouraged the team for displaying fabulous show.

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DEHRADUN: The preparation and the process of Talent Hunt 2022 was on full display on Friday as clinical Jammu and Kashmir Under-19 Men's Cricket team outplayed formidable Chandigarh by 5 wickets to qualify for the knockout stage and emerge topper in Elite Group-D of the ongoing prestigious Men's Under-19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy at Mahrana Pratap College Ground, Dehradun.

Earlier, put into bat, Chandigarh bundled out for 172 runs in 49.4 overs. Arnab Bansal top scored with 28 runs, while skipper Neel, Aarush Bhandari, Nikhil, Aryak and Ivraj Rananta contributed 24, 22, 22, 21 and 20 runs to the total respectively.

For J&K, the quartet of spinners hit the right areas and spun web around the rival batsmen and restricted



Jubilant J&K U-19 Men's team posing for a group photograph after registering win over Chandigarh in Dehradun on Friday.

them to a modest total. Talented left-arm spinner Ranjot Singh, who took a record 8-wicket haul on the other day, was again the pick of the bowlers, scalping 3 wickets by conceding 31 runs in his 10 overs, Off-spinner Udhay Pratap Singh and Arya Thakur bagged 2 wickets each, while Mousub Mohd Bhat and Momin Muzaffar claimed one wicket each.

J&K, in reply, began their innings in style as both the openers- Arya Thakur (21) and Gursimran Singh (18)

struck series of boundaries in the initial overs to score at a brisk rate and made the task easier for the batsmen to come. Skipper Akshit Gandral, promising Mousub Bhat and gritty Hatim Reyaz curbed their explosive instincts and played according to the situation to guide their side to a marvelous victory. Akshit took 70 balls to score magnificent 46 runs, while otherwise explosive Hatim played 66 balls for his unbeaten 20 runs and Mousub scored unbeaten 26

off 40 balls. Akshit set the stage for victory, while Mousub and Hatim held their nerves when it mattered the most and fashioned the victory in style. Udhay Pratap also contributed valuable 12 runs to the total.

For Chandigarh, Jagjeet Singh was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 wickets by conceding 26 runs in his 10v overs, while Ivraj and Aditya claimed one wicket each.

J&K team is being accompanied by Raju Sharma as

the Head Coach, Zahoor Sofi as the Manager, Shafqat Malik as Bowling Coach, Ravi Sharma as Co-Manager, Suresh Singh as Fielding Coach, Pawan Kumar as Trainer, Haseeb Rehman as Physio and Sameer Malik as the Video Analyst.

Meanwhile, the Sub-Committee Members of JKCA namely Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration; Cricketer Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development and Advocate Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs JKCA have congratulated the team and the Support Staff for this brilliant victory which enabled J&K to qualify for the knockout stage.

Majid Dar, Incharge Cricket Development Srinagar also lavished praise for the team and said that the team had a good preparation at home.

## Mini Marathon 'Run for Quality' organised at CUJ



Winner students posing with VC CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu (CUJ) in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Jammu and Kashmir Branch office organized a mini marathon 'Run for Quality' in the university premises to mark the celebration of World Standards Day (Manak Mahotsav).

World Standards Day is celebrated on October 14 every year.

Approximately 495 participants from various

Institutions apart from CUJ; such as GDC Samba; Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jammu; Government SRML School, Jammu; Government Polytechnic College, Samba; Indian Oil Corporation Limited; SKUAST, Kashmir; Ranbir Higher Secondary School and people from corporate sectors also participated in this mini marathon.

The run began from the main gate of the university covering a distance of three kms along the ring road,

CUJ.

The main purpose behind this run was to raise awareness about the importance of good health and well-being which is also the 3rd Sustainable Development Goal adopted by the member countries of the United Nations.

The day was celebrated under the theme of "Shared Vision for a Better World".

After the run, a felicitation ceremony was held for the winners which was presided over by Prof. Sanjeev Jain,

Vice Chancellor CUJ.

The joint Director of BIS, JKBO, Nisha Bura explained in her address, the importance of utilizing good quality products and services that conform with national and international standards.

She said, "Standards are present in all aspects of our life and hence we should be aware of all the signs and symbols related to standardization in order to make a wise purchase".

The programme was organized by the Dean Students'

Welfare Office CU Jammu under the patronage of Vice Chancellor. The Chief Guest of the event ADGP Jammu, Mukesh Singh, along with Prof. Sanjeev Jain and DSW Prof. Rasal Singh distributed the certificates among the winners of the marathon.

The event was attended by dignitaries Tilak Raj, Head and Director BIS JKBO; Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Cultural Officer, CU Jammu; Dr. Vinay Kumar, ADSW, CUJ; and Pankaj Attri, Joint Director JKBO along with all the participants, faculty members and research scholars of the Central University of Jammu.

Dr. Sujata Kundan, Coordinator BIS Club, CUJ coordinated the event. The vote of thanks was presented by Nisha Bura.

T-shirts, caps, and refreshment was distributed among all the participants.

## 34th District Kathua Volleyball Championship begins



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Kathua.

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HIRANAGAR: Three-day-long 34th District Kathua Volleyball Championship for under-19 (boys & girls) being organised by District Volleyball Association Kathua under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir commenced at Government Middle School Chhappar Volleyball Court, Hiranagar, here on Friday.

The championship, in which 18 boys teams and 4 girls teams of district Kathua are participating, was inaugurated by Sheetal Sharma, Sarpanch

Gurah Mundian Panchayat.

Large number of people of surrounding area including Panchs and Sarpanchs were present at inaugural function.

Sudesh Kumar Sethu, a local social worker was the Guest of Honour.

Barinder Kaur Principal Indian Public School and Jayotsana senior lecturer Rajiv Gandhi College Kathua came from Kathua to encourage the players.

Besides all office-bearers of District Volleyball Association Kathua M.L.Tofan President, Surat Singh Vice-President, Mohinder Sharma General Secretary, Ram Lal Joint Secretary, other prominent persons present were Prince Mehta, Ram Tirath

Khajuria, Rakesh Sharma, Kamal Sharma, Keshav Sharma, Parkash Chand, Sham Lal (master), Daya Nand Mehta, Mohan Lal Naib Tehsildar (retd), Rakesh Mehta and Shashi Mehta President Chhappar Volleyball Club. A total of seven matches were played on inaugural day.

Today's results: Hiranagar Club defeated Jai Data Rampat Club Mela by 2-0 (25-14, 25-20); Gara Volleyball Club defeated Chandera Chak Club by 2-1 (25-20, 17-25, 16-14); Chhappar Mehta Club defeated Jai Baba Club Hiranagar by 2-1 (25-22, 19-15, 16-14); Volleyball Club Lower Mela defeated Volleyball Club Chadval by 2-0 (25-18, 25-20).

## Singh Cricket Club beats Jammu Sports by 3-0 in Dusshera Cup series

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AKHNOOR: Singh Cricket Club beat Jammu Sports by eight wickets in the third match and won the Dusshera Cup three match series with 3-0. The series was organized by Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor at Govt Higher Secondary School Akhnoor; here. Batting first, Jammu Sports scored 120 for the loss of five wickets in stipulated 20 overs wherein Sunil Kumar contributed 36 runs, while Pawan Sharma scored 25, Mukesh Sharma made 16 and Koushal added 17 runs. For bowling side, Sham Singh Langeh and Rakesh Dada claimed two wickets, while Sonu Malhotra got one wicket. In reply, Singh Cricket easily managed to chase the target and scored 122 for the loss of two wickets in just 13.3 overs, Jimmy Mani played a fine knock of 78 runs off 54 balls and Chandan Sharma made 23 runs off 18 balls. From Jammu Sports, Love and Bava claimed one wicket each.

Jimmy Mani was declared as the Man of the Match for his outstanding batting performance. Jimmy was also declared Best Batsman of the series whereas Sham Singh Langeh was declared best bowler of the series.

Vinod Kumar and Rakesh Sharma were the official umpires while Rohit Singh was scorer in the match.

## J&K Sports Council conferred with Gold in SKOCH Indian Governance Award 2022

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JAMMU: The SKOCH State Award of Best Governance for the year 2022 was announced on Friday in which essential departments from various States / UTs were present from all across the country.

Sameer Kochar, Chairman SKOCH Group, honoured Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, for bagging Gold category awards in the field of Sports & Youth Services.

The efforts made by JKSC recognised by the jury were mainly on My Youth My Pride special activities wherein J&K Sports Council has been able to engage youth in sports especially in tribal, sensitive and rural areas by providing ample opportunities and infrastructural facilities of playing sports.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, has made a significant contribution towards the promotion of sports. She has been recognised with the SKOCH Award for her services and contributions in the creation, upkeep, and organisation of competitions and high-profile events, stated Dr. Gursharan, Managing Director, while announcing the awards.

The Secretary Youth Services & Sports, Sarmaad Hafiz expressing satisfaction over the achievements of the J&K Sports Council, has congratulated the Secretary JKSC and entire staff for this award and thanked Honourable Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta for their support to the sports in J&K.

Gul has received the coveted prize in recognition of her dedication for the cause which has ultimately paid off. Expectations are high because her motivation to promote sports activities is quite evident.

According to Nuzhat Gul, the impetus given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lieutenant Governor J&K Manoj Sinha to the sports infrastructure, sports person and vision of creating positive sports ecosystem has paid off. J&K Government is leaving no stone unturned for engagement of youth in positive direction. Activities like sports community is coming forward in sports programs, anti drug campaigns, Fit India and other programs being organised under Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav. We are committed along with Youth Services and Sports Department for

achieving the target of 35 lakh youth engagement in sports this financial year, said Gul.

India Governance Forum in its twentieth year is the oldest Governance Leadership Summit. Its recommendations have had a profound policy impact across the center and state governments. It is one of the few conferences where the focus is on field research-based knowledge-rich arguments that bring felt needs to the discussion table. The SKOCH Organization firmly believe Governance is what is received and not what was the intended delivery and ongoing field research and conversations across thousands of projects in a year give a deep insight into what is working and how it can work even better.

With these awards SKOCH Organization brings together an ecosystem of academic, industry, economists, policy experts, practitioners, and civil society. Carefully constructed panels, well-researched background notes and clearly articulated problem statements to find relevant answers and an agenda moving forward created.

In the area of Governance performance assessment, SKOCH State of Governance is the report that matters the most. It is based

entirely on primary research and a time-tested process. Each state gets ranked after an exhaustive study of one year. SKOCH Star of Governance Award is conferred sector-wise for the best performance nationally. Recipients are from Central and State Governments represented at senior most levels stated by Dr. Gursharan Danjal, the MD of SKOCH Awards.

The SKOCH State of Governance report is an annual report that studies project level outcomes across various states of India. For 2021, West Bengal, Odisha, Gujarat and Maharashtra, with Andhra completed the top 5 "Star States" in India. Out of 73 essential departments of various States & UTs, 33 departments received the award in Gold, Silver & Bronze categories. Some of the Departments who received the awards are Education Department Government of Gujarat, Department of Technical Education Himachal Pradesh, Directorate of Higher Education Goa, Rajasthan State Warehouse Corporation, Gujarat Forest Department, Department of Higher education West Bengal, Cyber Crime Branch Delhi Police, Department of Horticulture Government of Karnataka, Department of Forest Maharashtra.