

Legends Cricket League in J&K on Cards: Hafeez

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JAMMU: The J&K Sports Council on Tuesday held preliminary discussion with the visiting organizing committee team of Legends Cricket League headed by former international cricketer, Nikhil Chopra along with the Delhi Cricket Association's (BCCI) pitch curator, Ankit Dutta.

Briefing about the venture, Secretary Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez, said that a meeting of the organizing committee and Sports Council team was held in Jammu to work out modalities for conduct of some of the matches of renowned Legends Cricket League in November at Moulanazad Cricket Stadium, Jammu.

Secretary said that the matches are expected to feature former renowned cricketers like Chris Gayle, Virender Sehwag, Aron Finch, Irfan Pathan, Yusuf



Organizing committee team of Legends Cricket League posing with JKSC members Ranjit Kalra, Mohammad Hanief, Baljinder Pal Singh Naveen Sharma.

Pathan, and Harbhajan Singh besides others.

Divulging further on the details, Sarmad Hafeez informed that following the preliminary discussion the Legends Cricket league team had a tour of the stadium. They assessed the existing facilities at the venue and expressed satisfaction over the arrangements put in place with a suggestion to

make certain minor amends, wherever required.

Earlier, the visiting team was received by J&K Sports Council including Ranjit Kalra, Member Sports Council; Mohammad Hanief, Chief Sports Officer Sports Council; Baljinder Pal Singh, in charge of Divisional Sports Officer (J), and Manager M. A Stadium, Naveen Sharma

along with other officials.

During the preliminary interaction, Ranjeet Kalra briefed the organizing committee about the history of sports in J&K. He elaborated how the administration has gone the extra yard in successful conduct of National and International events during past few years.

The team inspected the turf wicket and requested that the venue may be handed over to them as early as possible enabling them to prepare the wicket properly as many former international players are participating in the event.

The floodlights were also switched on to check the intensity and the LUX power for any possible gradation, if required, for proper focusing of light during the hours of play.

The team also visited the player's dressing rooms, VIP lounge, third umpire rooms and commentator's box and

took stock of the minor changes and repairs required for the mega event including shower area, steam bath and ice bath chambers.

Nikhil Chopra, while speaking on the occasion, said that the chief curator shall visit the venue again at the end of this week to estimate the exact time required for preparation of the wickets and outfield. He also requested that during the preparatory time, the premises may not be allotted for any other activity keeping in view the magnitude of the event and the associated works required to make ground fully fit for the international event.

Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull, said the checklist for smooth conduct of the event is being prepared and if all goes well, the M A Stadium may become a regular feature for international and national cricket events in future, she added.

Heritageans shine at Global Genesis School Noida MUN conference

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JAMMU: The students of Heritage School Jammu added another feather to school's cap by their remarkable performance at the Global Genesis School Noida Model United Nations (MUN) conference, held from October 13 to 15, 2023.

Two outstanding delegates from The Heritage School Jammu, Vivek Singh and Devang Uttama, represented their school at the UN Women committee during the Genesis MUN hosted by Genesis Global School in Noida.

Vivek Singh represented the United States, while Devang Uttama took on the role of China.

Throughout the conference, these delegates displayed exceptional research skills, diplomatic finesse, and exemplary public speaking abilities.



Heritage School Jammu faculty felicitating winner students on Tuesday.

Their dedication and expertise caught the attention of the chairpersons and their fellow delegates, ultimately leading them to secure Special Mention awards in recognition of their outstanding performance.

Beyond their achievements in formal proceedings, Vivek and Devang had the opportunity

to forge new friendships with students from diverse backgrounds, both from within India and abroad.

The Principal Heritage School and the staff congratulated Vivek Singh and Devang Uttama on their stupendous success and wish them good luck in their future endeavours.

JKILAN shines in Junior Girls National Football Championship 2023-24



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner student on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: In the Junior Girls National Football Championship (Tier-II) 2023-24 held from October 4 to 13, 2023, at Jaipur, Ishique Pal Kour of JK Public School Kunjwani represented the Jammu and Kashmir State in the national games and adjudged "A Player of the Match" against Telangana.

The event was organized by Rajasthan Football Association under the banner of All India Football Federation.

Director JK Educational Society, Sahshi Chaudhary

and School Principal Rajesh Rathore congratulated and felicitated the proud winner in the school assembly. They also lauded the school coach Eliza Sotra and HOD (Sports) Subash Chander for preparing the students for national platform.

Clean sweep by GDC Reasi men in Fencing

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JAMMU: Government Degree College (GDC) Reasi men on Tuesday made it a triple title win thus completely dominating in the team events of the two-day annual inter-college Fencing Tournament of University of Jammu (JU) being organised by the Directorate of Sports, JU on the campus, here.

The visiting side of GDC Reasi took away gold in all three team events of Sabre, Foil and Epee in a competition which held among affiliated colleges of the JU.

Earlier, in the morning, Director Sports and Physical Education, JU, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba declared the event open in the presence of Rashid Ahmed Choudhary (International



Winner fencers posing for a photograph with dignitaries at JU on Tuesday.

Fencer), Mukesh Sharma and Sashi Kumar Sharma (Physical Directors), a handout issued here today informed.

The matches officiated by the technical panel including Ajay Kumar, Veer Sagarm Singh, Maninder Pal Singh, Adarsd Salathia, Ranchan Saberwal, Javed

Ahmed Chowdhary and PD Singh.

Meanwhile, the open individual competition also started today.

The Results (Team): SABRE: Gold: GDC Reasi (Sunil Roy, Devinder Singh, Rahul Sharma and Sourav Verma). Silver: GDC Poonch (Mohd. Umar, Tahir

Irfan, Imran and Mohd. Sadeeq). Bronze: GDC Udhampur (Surya Dev Singh, Fayaz Ahmed, Manthan Mehra Surya Dev Singh).

FOIL: Gold: GDC Reasi (Gourav Thakur, Bhanu Partab Singh, Atul Kumar and Mohinder Kohli). Silver: GDC Udhampur

(Surya Dev Singh, Shokwat Rashid, Surya Dev Singh and Kavaya Sharma).

Bronze: GDC Poonch (Mohd. Sadeeq Mohd. Adrees and Mohd. Zahir).

Epee: Gold: GDC Reasi (Gourav Thakur, Nizaket Hussain, Mohd. Muneer and Neeraj Kumar). Silver: GDC Udhampur (Kavya Sharma Fayaz Ahmed, Manthan Mehra and Showket Rashid).

OPEN (Individual): Sabre: Gold: Suryansh Sharma (Trikuta Degree College), Ist; Pranay Singh (PG Departments, JU), 2nd; Rohit Sharma (GDC Reasi) and Devinder Singh (GDC Reasi), both Bronze.

NZ Junior Athletics meet concludes

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JAMMU: Three-day long 34th North Zone Junior Athletics Championship, which was organised by J&K Amateur Athletics Association, concluded on Tuesday on the newly laid athletics arena on the University of Jammu (JU) campus, here. Around 1000 athletes and officials from nine states and Union Territories (UTs) of North Zone took part in this championship. The event was supported by J&K Sports Council, Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), J&K Olympic Association, University of Jammu and Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). In the closing function, Deputy Director DYSS, Jatinder Sharma was chief guest, who felicitated the athletes in the presence of Mohd. Hanief, Chief Sports Officer of JKSC; Balvinder Singh, Divisional Sports Officer JKSC; Sunil Kumar Sharma, Accounts Officer DYSS; Indrveer Singh and Gagandeep Singh. This championship held under the overall supervision of Sharat Chander Singh, organizing secretary.

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JAMMU: Two-day J&K UT Bench Press Championship, organised by All J&K UT Power Lifting Association, concluded here on Tuesday with medal winners and those best lifters felicitated by Chief Guest, Sham Lal Bassan, Corporator in the presence of Special Guest, Arti Thakur, SHO Bahu Fort.

Around 180 participated contested in different age categories of men and women in this two-day competition representing districts of Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Poonch, Reasi, Kishtwar, Poonch, Budgam, Srinagar, Baramulla and Ramban, claimed a handout issued by the Association.

Ankur Sharma Senior Advocate and Dushyant Sharma were the special guest who inaugurate the opening ceremony of the championship.

In this Championship Rubam Sharma, Amandeep Bassan and Ritu Charak won best lifter in Senior unequipped and equipped while, Tarandeep Singh, Anurag Magotra and Menu Kalotra won best lifter Junior unequipped and equipped, Suraj Singh, and Tania Sharma won best lifter in Sub Junior unequipped and equipped, Binal Indu Sharma, Umesh Raina, Parveen Kumar and Rakhi Grover won best lifter in Master I & II Category.

Rubam Sharma, Vickramjeet Singh and Amandeep Bassan create new J&K U.T record in unequipped and equipped bench press championship breaking previous record of 105 kg, + 120 kg, 93 kg, category by lifting 200kg, 215 kg & 240 kg, respectively.

The officials of the association who organized J&K



Winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu on Tuesday.

U.T Bench press Championship in well mannered under the rule and regulation of Power Lifting India, namely Ajay Sharma General Secretary, Rahul Sawhney Senior Vice President, Gulzar Singh Vice President, Adil Ashraf Khan, Sanjeev Singh Joint Secretary, Vinay Sharma Media Secretary and executive member of the association namely Suresh Pal, Deepak Jyoti, Sumit Gupta, Anshuman Sharma, Shabeel Ahmed, Azim

Aslam, Joginder Kumar, Ajit Pal Singh, Sandeep Bannotra, Gourav Gupta, Karnail Choudhary, Narnender Pal Singh, Sajad Hussain, & Vishal Sharma.

The Results: WOMEN: Gold: Yatiksha Rao, Tania Sharma, Arshia Rajput, Riya Mahajan, Kusum Lata, Ritika Singh, Ritu Charak, Rakhi Grover, Shikha Rani, Priya Raina and Meenu Kalotra. Silver: Konika, Preeti Sharma and Tammana.

MEN: Gold: Rohit Kumar, Aryan Bhagat, Vasu Kumar, Rudar Langer, Sant Kumar, Anshu Sharma, Roshan Lal, Nittin Sharma, Aditya Sharma, Nikhil Manhas, Uzair Mattoo, Shubham Kalotra, Rajat Lakhotra, Satyajeet Singh, Vinay Dixit, Satish Choudhary, Varun Sharma, Simonjot Singh, Nittin Singh Choudhary, Toib Hussain, Rajnesh Chib, Sethi Ram, Raman Gupta, Irfan, Kushvinder Singh, Suraj Singh, Tarandeep Singh,

Anurag Magotra, Anshuman Sharma, Parveen Kumar, Jeevan Singh, Shashank Mulan, Momain Dar, Numan Ali Sheikh, Amandeep Bassan, Manmeet Singh, Bimal Indu Sharma, Toyib Ayaz, Harish Kumar, Luvleen Singh, Vishal Singh, Rhubam Sharma, Akash Malotra, Shalinder Charak, Umesh Raina, Uttam Rana, B. Vidhant, Aakash Dutt, Tanish Sharma, Manpreet Singh & Vikramjeet Singh.

Silver: Aryan Bhagat, Satish Kumar, Chahat Sharma, Vikas Singh, Vinay Sharma, Sarynash Rai, Bhavan Singh, Sourav Seth, Hriday Sharma, Rivyanshu Barik, Hrehan Gupta, Lovish Raghav Sharma, Navneet Sharma, Shubham Khajuria, Viren Raina, Keshav Sharma, Manik Sharma, Raghav Singh, Gurjinder Singh, Laljit Raj, Mukul Seth, Nikhil Kumar,

Nitish Kumar, Satvik Khajuria, Mukesh Sharma, Aman Singh Saini, Krish Chadha, Haradesh Kumar, Mohd Danish, Mannat Mahajan, Dhruv Sharma, Tipu Sultan, Sushain Khajuria, Vishal Singh, Pardeep Kumar, Anil Kumar, Durlab Sharma and Manpreet Singh.

Bronze: Gaarish Rajput, Kanav Salyoda, Arundeep Singh, Aryan Bhagat, Agrim Sharma, Harish Sharma, Arfan, Aryan Nanda, Kanav Kumar, Rajat Lakhotra, Rahul Chouhan, Shubham Khajuria, Vishal Kumar, Neeraj Kumar, Mohit Sharma, Sidharth Prongal, Vikas Malotra, Amit Gupta, Rohit Kumar, Ansh Kumar, Vansh Saini, Vishal Kumar, Jatin Sharma, Rakesh Hans, Sushil Sharma, Ahsan Riyaz, Manish Chopra, Harish Kumar, Ang Dev Singh and Abhishek Kumar.

Com Secy IT reviews e-office implementation across J&K



Commissioner Secretary IT, Prerna Puri chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: On the directions of Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Commissioner Secretary Information Technology (IT), Prerna Puri, on Tuesday convened a meeting with all the Deputy Commissioners to review implementation of e-Office across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioners through virtual mode while Chief Executive Officer JaKeGA, Anuradha Gupta; State Informatics Officer, Saleem Khan; Additional Secretaries IT Department, Rajinder Khajuria and Satish Kumar Sharma besides other concerned participat-

ed in person.

The central focus of the meeting was complete transition of government file processing to the e-Office platform, encompassing districts, blocks and panchayats.

The move towards a paperless and digitally driven system was strongly encouraged to enhance transparency, accountability and accessibility of government records. The Chief Secretary has envisioned complete abandonment of manual file transmission in the UT.

Commissioner Secretary, while addressing the meeting, exhorted upon the Deputy Commissioners to ensure that e-Office becomes the standard for processing government

files.

This transformation is expected to revolutionize the functioning of government offices, making information easily accessible to the concerned stakeholders. She also asked the DCs to promote the horizontal and vertical usage of e-Office in all departments throughout the districts.

The meeting also project-ed several key issues, such as the availability of IT infrastructure, need for capacity building of manpower, VPN access and increasing bandwidth to support the e-Office system. Commissioner Secretary assured the attendees that these issues would be promptly resolved through coordination between NIC and JaKeGA.

Prerna Puri enjoined upon the Deputy Commissioners to submit a minimum of five online services which can be developed for their respective districts for integration into the e-UNNAT platform. This initiative is aimed at providing citizens with easy access to government services and information.

To facilitate seamless adoption of e-Office system in all tehsils and blocks of the districts, it was decided that a workshop will be organized to provide necessary guidance and support in making the digital platform functional in all administrative units of the district.

Commissioner Secretary asserted that the government of Jammu and Kashmir was committed towards advancement of technology for the betterment of governance and citizen services. The successful implementation of e-Office system will undoubtedly bring about a positive change in the administration and service delivery throughout the Union Territory, she maintained.

3rd day of Navratra unfolds power of devotion and cultural Ssplendor in Katra, Jammu

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REASI/JAMMU: In a harmonious celebration of Navratra, Katra and Jammu are ablaze with spiritual devotion and cultural richness as devotees and artists unite to honor the divine presence of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.

As the Navratra festivities reach their third day on Tuesday, the cultural mosaic continues to dazzle with its blend of theater, spiritual narratives and soul-stirring devotional music.

At the Spiritual Growth Centre, the celebrated Natrang theatre group takes the stage, bringing to life 'Mata ki Kahani' - a mesmerizing narrative deeply intertwined with the veneration of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.

Meanwhile, at Durga Bhawan, devotees have gathered to immerse themselves in the spiritually enriching Bhagwat Katha, a profound narrative that delves into the divine significance of Navratra, guiding individuals on a



Dignitaries participating in Navratra festival on Tuesday.

path of spiritual fulfillment.

Adding another layer of devotion and musical enchantment, Yog Ashram Katra hosts the highly anticipated All India Devotional Song Competition, where talented participants showcase their unwavering devotion through soul-stirring melodies. The anticipation for the competition's results, to be revealed on the final day of Navratra.

In a collaborative effort between the Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association, Jammu and the Directorate of Tourism,

Jammu, the vibrant Mata Ka Jagran takes place at Raghunath Bazaar Chowk. The event features mesmerizing Mata Ke Bhajans performed by renowned artists from Jammu, creating an atmosphere brimming with spirituality and inspiring the entire city to unite in devotion.

Prominent dignitaries including Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director Tourism, Publicity, Jammu, Sugandhi Banotra, Assistant Director Tourism, Jammu, Jagvinder Tak (SO) Tourism Department Jammu, and the venerable

President of the Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association, Sanjay Gupta, grace the occasion alongside prominent citizens and officials of the department.

The Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association Jammu commends the Jammu Tourism for their tireless efforts in organizing and celebrating the auspicious Navratra festival, creating an atmosphere brimming with positivity and joy. The event comes to a grand culmination with a heartfelt Aarti of Maa Durga, where everyone unites in prayers for the well-being of the world.