

Jammu all set to witness Int'l golfers teeing off at Tawi Golf Course

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JAMMU: The third edition of prestigious J&K Open Golf Tournament, being organized by the UT's Tourism department in conjunction with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the official governing body of professional golf in India, would begin tomorrow at the most scenic Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

Jammu, 'City of Temples', is all set to witness galaxy of reputed and famous golfers with every requisite facility in place by the concerned authorities.

The four day Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) event, being held from 4th to 7th of October will be inaugurated tomorrow morning by the Advisor to J&K Lieutenant Governor, R R Bhatnagar at the pristine Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

The total prize purse for the event has been enhanced to Rs 50 lakh this year while the Pro-Am event will be held on October 8.

The tournament is being supported by Presenting Partner J&K Tourism as well as Host Venue Jammu Tawi Golf Course.

"Any place that is famous around the world definitely has a facet of golf tourism in its realm. In today's date, golf tourism has made India a focus destination with world class facilities and Jammu and Kashmir is a very big contributing factor in this," Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Tourism here told the reporters at a press conference held on the eve of the PGTI event flanked by other dignitaries.

This tournament, the J&K open, he said is a defining tournament to enhance and promote golf tourism.

"There are world class players that participate at this event and each and every player will get an opportunity to experience the Dogri culture including its art and cuisine," said Shah.

CEO, PGTI, Uttam Singh



Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Tourism addressing media along with Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI and other dignitaries.

Mundy, said, "The third edition of the J&K Open presented by the J&K Tourism is one of the most-awaited tournaments of the 2023 PGTI season with the professionals having fond memories of playing at the magnificent Jammu Tawi Golf Course for the first time last year."

"Tournaments such as these will go a long way in providing a boost to Golf Tourism in J&K," he said thanking J&K Tourism and the Jammu Tawi Golf Course for reiterating their support to PGTI with the enhanced prize purse this year.

"We are excited about witnessing yet another enthralling week of golf amidst the mesmerizing surroundings of J&K," said the CEO.

Special Secretary, Tourism Department, Amarjeet Singh, said, "We look forward to our continued association with the J&K Open golf tournament and the PGTI. This tournament gives us a great platform to project the UT of Jammu and Kashmir as a favourable destination for Golf Tourism for business and leisure travellers from all across the world."

He said, "Our partnership with PGTI and the staging of the J&K Open also provides us the opportunity to showcase the outstanding golfing venues in J&K to a wider audience."

Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Manav Gupta said, "We are proud to host the leading Indian professional golfers at Jammu Tawi Golf Course for the second year in succession. We have worked towards providing the best possible playing conditions at JTGC and are confident that the players will enjoy their experience of

playing here."

The J&K Open also provides immense exposure for our local golfing talent who get to rub shoulders with the best professionals in the country and this exposure will go a long way in helping J&K produce champion golfers in the future," said the Secretary JTGC.

TATA Steel PGTI Rankings Leader, Om Prakash Chouhan said, "I would really like to thank J&K Tourism for their continued support and especially for their support in conducting the latest edition of the J&K Open 2023."

"The course is playing beautifully and it is definitely one of the best courses in the country and the work done on the course is very evident. I have special memories of playing in J&K since I won an event here way back in 2014 and I am looking forward to this week," he said.

The field of 114 players including 109 professionals

and five amateurs will witness participation by top Indian professionals namely Om Prakash Chouhan, Aman Raj, Akshay Sharma, Sachin Baisoya, Harshjeet Singh Sethi, Gaurav Pratap Singh, Karan Pratap Singh and Kshitij Naveed Kaul, to name a few.

The foreign challenge will be led by Bangladesh's Badal Hossain, Nepal's Sukra Bahadur Rai and Canada's Sukhraj Singh Gill, to name a few.

The local challenge will be led by J&K-based players including professionals Bhawani Singh Parmar, Pawan Parihar, Fayaz Ahmed Langoo, Raghav Wali and Mir Ahmad as well as amateurs Prabhnoor Singh, Umar Yaqoob Mir, Vedant Handa, Arindam Sudan and Zorawar Singh.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir undertook the construction of this prestigious project of Jammu Tawi Golf Course with the intention of giving a

boost to Golf Tourism and grooming young boys and girls to become golf professionals.

Jammu and Kashmir is home to some of the top tourist destinations in the country. Jammu, bestowed with breathtaking scenic beauty amidst the proud mountain ranges exhibits all the qualities that make it a sought-after tourist destination. Among the most popular tourist attractions in the Jammu region are the Mata Vaishno Devi Temple, Amar Mahal Palace, Mubarak Mandi Palace and Patnitop, to name a few.

The tournament is part of J&K Tourism's great initiative of promoting golf tourism in the region. J&K is blessed with some spectacular golf courses such as Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Royal Springs Golf Course (Srinagar), Pahalgam Golf Course (Lidder Valley) and Gulmarg Golf Club. These courses provide a heavenly experience to golfers.

JKiian shine in inter-school athletics meet 2023-24



JKPS Kunjwani Principal Rajesh Rathore along with medal winners and coach posing for photograph.

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JAMMU: In the Inter-school Athletics Meet held on 26 Sep 2023 and 27 Sep 2023, JK Public School Kunjwani won 13 Gold, 07 Silver and 03 Bronze Medals.

In the inter-school Athletics Meet held on 26 Sep 2023 at at Middle School Satwari Jammu, JK Public school won 10 Gold Medals, 04 Silver Medals and 02 Bronze Medal. The winners in the Category (U/14) are Antriksh Bhagat (01-Gold, 01-Bronze), Lovish Rattee (01-Gold, 01-

Silver), in the category (U/17) Saksham Gupta (02 Golds), Prabhjot Singh (02 Golds), Digvijay Singh (01-Gold, 01-Silver), Aayam Singh (01-Gold, 01-Silver), Adhyam Singh (01-Silver, 01-Bronze), in the category (U/19) the winners are Fazil Akbhar (Gold) and Fazil Akbar (Gold).

In the Athletics Meet held on 27 Sep 2023 at Govt High Singh School Satwari, JK Public School won 03 Gold Medals, 03 Silver Medals and 01 Bronze Medal. The winners are

Vomika Sharma (01 Gold, 01 Silver), Payal Kumari (Gold), Anjali Verma (01 Gold, 01 Silver), Armeet Kour (Silver Medal) and Aakriti Singh (Bronze Medal).

Director JK Educational Society Shashi Chaudhary and School Principal Rajesh Rathore congratulated the winners and felicitated them in the morning assembly. They also lauded the school Coach Shivdev Singh and HOD (Sports) Subash Chander for preparing the teams.

Ladakh Junior Team for Tangtha flagged off for nationals from Kargil



General Secretary Ladakh Taekwondo Association Anayat Ali and President Ladakh Tangtha Association Mudassir Hussain Wazir flagging off team.

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LADAKH: The 1st team of Ladakh Tangtha Association was flagged off by Senior Journalist, Sports Activist and General Secretary Ladakh Taekwondo Association Anayat Ali and President Ladakh Tangtha Association Mudassir Hussain Wazir for 29th Junior National Tangtha Championship on Tuesday which is scheduled to be held at Srinagar J&K UT. The team comprises 20 players, led by Coach Mohd Hassan Suhana.

Anayat Ali wished the team a great success and hoped that they will give their best in the Nationals.

He advised the players to focus on giving their 100% and result will follow easily as well as he urged upon the players to learn from the nationals which is a great platform to learn latest techniques and rules.

He hoped that the first team of UT Ladakh will bring some medals in the national team which will boost the morale of the Sports Lovers.

Mudassir Hussain Wazir while appreciating and congratulating the team for their first nationals said that Sportsperson should be encouraged at all level as he or she if plays at any level shall always represent the State that is UT Ladakh and will bring laurels to the State.

He further said that after Ladakh became UT, sportsperson has got better opportunity to reach at the national level and bring laurels to the UT at national as well as International level.

Doda lifts U-19 Boys Div Level Kho-Kho championship



Organisers along with winner team posing for photograph.

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DODA: The Divisional Level Kho-Kho championship for U/19 boys on Tuesday won by Doda against Jammu by a huge margin of an inning and 15 points her in the Sports Stadium Doda

Jammu beat Udhampur by a margin of 10 points, whereas Kathua lost the match by an inning and 15 points against the hosts.

The sports carnival, which started on the 12th of last month, finally came to an end. Around 1300 male and female players, coaches, and team managers of various districts of J&K UT participated in the disciplines of Volleyball,

wrestling, and Kho Kho.

The carnival was inaugurated on 12th September 2023 by the District Development Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan in the presence of SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, DIO Sh. Mohammad Ashraf Wani and various other district officers of the district Doda.

All the events were organized by the Department of

Youth Services and Sports J&K (UT) under the patronage of Shubash Chander Chibber, Director Youth Services and Sports, and supervised by Suram Chand Sharma, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports J&K, while Jaffer Haider Sheikh, DYSSO Doda was the Organising Secretary / Manager of the events.

Today was the last day of carnival. ZPEO Doda Suresh Padha distributed trophies and merit certificates among the winners. He, on behalf of DYSSO Doda, congratulated all the players, coaches, managers, and all staff of host district for making all the events successful and later thanked everyone whosoever was a part of this tournament.

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PAHALGAM: The picturesque Aru Valley in Pahalgam witnessed an exhilarating spectacle of athleticism and spirit during the 2nd State UT Hogam Tournament, held from September 28th to 30th, 2023. This prestigious event was affiliated with the Indian Hogam Federation and the International Hogam Council, showcasing the incredible sport of Hogam.

Hosted by the International Tiger's Martial Arts organization, the tournament brought together 50 participants from various districts, showcasing their strength, agility, and teamwork in a series of challenging activities that thrilled both participants and spectators alike. Instead of the traditional dance, the event featured a series of adrenaline-pumping activities, including obstacle avoidance, tug of war, ziplining, tyre pulling, river crossing, and crossing nets. These activities not only tested the physical prowess of the participants but also emphasized

the importance of cooperation and strategy.

The tournament also served as a platform for fostering camaraderie and cultural exchange among the participants, promoting the rich heritage of Hogam and its significance in the region.

Parvaiz khan, President of



Organisers along with medal winners posing for photograph.

the Indian Hogam Federation, expressed his delight at the success of the event, saying, "The 2nd State UT Hogam Tournament has truly exemplified the spirit of sportsmanship and unity

among our athletes. It has showcased the immense potential of Hogam as a sport that embodies strength, endurance, and tradition."

The International Tiger's Martial Arts organization and all participants extend their gratitude to the sponsors, volunteers, and the local

2nd State UT Hogam tournament 2023 thrills Aru Valley

Veteran J&K shutter excels at National level

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JAMMU: Veteran Shutter, Romesh Sharma of Jammu brought laurels to the Union Territory winning three medals in two back to back all India Veteran Badminton Tournaments held at different venues.

The first medal in the shape of a Silver came when Romesh, pairing with Ramesh Sharma of Delhi, remained runners-up in 60 plus doubles event held at Kumarhatti in Himachal Pradesh.

Other two medals won by Romesh in another event held at all India level at Chandigarh. In this meet, Romesh won men's singles gold in 60 plus category and finished runners-up in men doubles, pairing with R S Rana of Dehradun.

Kafeel's 3rd medal for J&K in Sport Climbing

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JAMMU: On the 3rd and last day of the 27th North Zone Sport Climbing Championship at Delhi, Kafeel Ul Haq of J&K won a Silver medal in Bouldering and a Bronze in Lead Climbing in the Sub Junior Boys category.

It was the 7th medal for J&K and a three medals haul for Kafeel who had won a Silver medal in Speed Climbing on the first day of the competition.

However, there was big disappointment in the J&K camp when Arun Deep Singh, the best sport climber of J&K, who had entered the final round of six climbers in Bouldering by securing first position, could secure only the fourth

Jammu Sanskriti School bags 10 medals in speed ball championship



School faculty members along with medal winners.

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JAMMU: Students of Jammu Sanskriti School who excelled in 13th district level Speedball Championship-2023 at DHSS organised by J&K Sports Speed Ball Association. JSS team participated under -10/12/14/17 age group. 16 students of Jammu Sanskriti School participated in the championship and got 10 medals championship. Principal of the school appreciated the students who participated sports Competition. The Medals 4 Gold, 2 silver & 5 bronze.

The medals winners under 10 yrs- Akalkirat Singh(Gold), Sehajvir Singh, Eklavya Mohan (bronze); Under-12yrs Rayanshdeep Singh(Gold) Ishaan Sharma, Navyam Mehra(Bronze) & (Double); Under -17 Rehaan, Prafull Kumar(Gold) under-17yrs (super solo) Raghav, Akshit, Bronze

The Principal cum Chairperson of the school, Rohini Aima lauded the afford the students and their coach Sunny Nanda (Sports Coach) for this achievement.

Hardik wins Sub-Junior Billiards title

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JAMMU: Hardik Gupta bagged Sub-Junior Billiards title in the ongoing J&K UT Billiards and Snooker Championship, organised by J&K Billiards and Snooker Association at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here today. In the title clash, Hardik defeated Vans Gupta 100-89 in an interesting final. In the meantime, the Sub-Junior Snooker title went to Irahm Parvez, who blanked Furkan Wani 3-0 in the final. Meanwhile, the Junior Billiards and Snooker events commenced this evening. This championship is being held under the aegis of J&K Sports Council.



place in the final.

Similarly, much was expected of Shilpa Charak in the final round of Bouldering and Ayaana Bhagat in Lead climbing in the sub Junior girls category but both settled for the fourth place.

The final rounds of Lead climbing in the Men's and Junior Boys categories were in progress.