

Ranji Trophy Elite Group-A match

Swashbuckling Khajuria slams unbeaten ton as J&K ends day-1 at 264/5

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S R I N A G A R : Swashbuckling Shubham Khajuria showed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up a masterclass century and help Jammu and Kashmir end day-1 of the Ranji Trophy opener at 264/5 against Rituraj Gaikwad led formidable Maharashtra at SK Stadium here today.



He finished the day on 130 not out and will resume tomorrow with every intention of scoring a double ton and power Jammu and Kashmir to a big total. Earlier, put into bat, Jammu and Kashmir lost an early wicket in the shape of opener Abhinav Puri (00), however, another opening batsman and experienced campaigner Shubham Khajuria and Shubham Singh Pundir consolidated

the innings and took the score to 77/2 in 19.3 overs before Pundir's dismissal at his individual score of 37 off 49 balls with 7 boundaries. Khajuria continued the brilliance and made another good partnership of 84 runs with his skipper Paras Dogra (30) before retiring hurt at his individual score of 94 runs.

Coming back from the break after retiring hurt, Khajuria showed solidity, sublimity elegance and bril-

liance to remain unbeaten on 130 runs, studded with 18 delectable boundaries and 2 massive sixes. Abdul Samad (23), Sahil Lotra (18) and Shivansh Sharma (18*) were the other scorers.

HA walung took 2 wickets for Maharashtra, while RN Gurbani, MG Choudhary and Arshin Kulkarni claimed one wicket each. Member-Administration JKCA Brig Anil Gupta appreciated the efforts of the Jammu and Kashmir team for starting the season in style.

He also lavished praise on Shubham Khajuria for his wonderful knock.

SCOREBOARD	
JAMMU & KASHMIR 1ST INNINGS	
Abhinav Puri b Gurbani	00
Shubham Khajuria not out	130
Shubham Pundir c Veer b Kulkarni	37
Paras Dogra (c) c Gurbani b Walunj	30
Abdul Samad c †Naik b Walunj	23
Sahil Lotra c Dhas b Mukesh Choudhary	18
Shivansh Sharma † not out	18
Extras	08
Total	264/5

J&K Taekwondo Championship from Oct 14

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JAMMU: Taekwondo Association of Jammu and Kashmir (TAJK) shall hold two-day UT Championship at Indoor Hall Bhagwati Nagar, here from October 11.

As per a handout issued here today, the weighing shall take place at the venue on given time, followed by the competition in sub-junior categories.

For further queries, participants can contact Qimti Lal Jain, general secretary (96221 73274), Tarsem Sharma, working president (7006349343) and Ravi, treasurer (9149826972).

Santolia, Tug of War competitions held at Basohli Festival

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KATHUA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua organized Santolia (Seven Stones) and Tug of War competitions at Purthu (Basohli) as part of the Basohli Festival 2.0, celebrated annually during the Navratra days by the Culture Department.

The Santolia match for U17 girls was inaugurated by DIG Crime Branch Jammu, Shakti Pathak, along with Secretary of Art and Culture, Sanjeev Rana, and CEO of Bani Basohli Development Authority, Ajeet Singh, and District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua, Sunil Singh Sambhal.

These games not only enhanced the festival's appeal but also fostered community participation, with five teams in Santolia and four in Tug of War representing various schools from the Basohli zone.

A total of 98 players showcased their talent in the competitions. In the results, Government Girls High School Basohli emerged as the winner of both Santolia and Tug of War, while St. Anne's Convent School Basohli and Vir Savarkar HSS Basohli secured the runner-up positions, respectively.

The event was organized under the guidance of Sunil Singh Sambhal and the Basohli zone team.

APS Damana organises Awareness Session at Borderless World Foundation

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JAMMU: Borderless World Foundation (BWF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that works for the girl children who have taken shelter in the camp because of terrorism or other constraints. Under the mentorship of Brig Vivek Puri, SM, Chairman Army Public School Damana, the school initiated a noble endeavor by organizing a Motivational Session for the girl children at Borderless World Foundation Jammu on 11 October 2024. A group of 25 students from classes VI-IX from APS Damana along with school counsellor visited the orphanage. The informative session

HPS celebrates Mahanavami, Dussehra with religious fervor

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SAMBA: Humanity Public School Bassi Kalan Bari, Brahmana celebrated Mahanavami and Dussehra with religious spirit and devotion. Abuzz with excitement and camaraderie, a special assembly was conducted to mark the significance of these festivals in the presence of School Principal, Gaurav Charak, Vice-Principal, Anku Charak, Akashdeep Raina (Senior Incharge), Ravinder Sadhu (Administration Officer), Parsidh Singh (Incharge, Higher Secondary Wing), Namrata Sharma (Incharge, Senior Wing), Vandana Sharma (Incharge, Primary Wing), Aparna Billowria (Incharge, Pre-Primary Wing), Er. Varinder Kumar (IT Incharge) and Mahan Singh (Sports Incharge). The programme commenced with Aarti of lord Shri Ram, a recital that appraised all about the victory of good over evil and establishment of Dharm



Humanity Public School faculty and students celebrating Mahanavami and Dussehra.

to beat Adharam. It was then followed by speeches by Manyata Billowria (11th), Raksha Karoopia (11th) and Nandani Bali (10th) highlighting the significance of Dussehra and Mahanavami. Dandiya dance performance by tiny tots of Pre-Primary wing gets the kids moving to the beats of Indian culture. Girls adorned in the guise of incarnations of Goddess Durga were the star attraction of the celebration which was praised and liked by everyone. A soul stirring Bhajan presented by the students of the

choir group along with music teacher Abhilash left everyone mesmerized. The occasion marking the victory of Lord Rama over the evil king, Ravana, reinforced the message of the triumph of good over evil depicted through a skit presented by students based on the magnum opus-The Ramayana. They brought to life scenes from Lord Ram's life, his years of exile, the abduction of Sita, and at last the slaying of Ravan. Everyone around enjoyed the serene atmosphere. Kanya Pujan is also

performed, a ritual that involves worshipping young girls as embodiments of divine feminine energy. This practise holds deep spiritual and cultural significance with Indian tradition. Principal Gaurav Charak appreciated the student's presentation, highlighted the festival's significance and promote the values of good over evil, truth, and righteousness. He also said that we need to nurture the seeds of character, culture, and compassion that will grow and flourish within the students for years to come.

APS Ratnuchak among top 100 innovators at Youth Ideathon 2024

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JAMMU: Army Public School Ratnuchak has earned a distinguished place among the Top 100 schools in the prestigious Youth Ideathon 2024, India's largest school-level competition of innovation and entrepreneurship. Organized by ThinkStartup, MEPS, and CBSE, this national event attracted over 1.8 lakh young innovators from more than 5,000 schools, making this achievement a testament to the extraordinary talent nurtured at Army Public School Ratnuchak.



APS Ratnuchak students and faculty.

from the school advanced to the Top 1500, with two further progressing to the Top 500, earning cash prizes to develop their prototypes. On 1 October 2024, Team PetroPolyFixers reached the Top 100, and received an invitation to present their innovative product, 'Aqubarrier - Seal the Roof, Stop the Leak,' at IIT Delhi

on 9-10 October 2024. At IIT Delhi, Maj Gen PR Murali (VSM) (Retd.), MD AWES, visited the stall and praised the team's groundbreaking idea. Other dignitaries, including the founders of ThinkStartup, MEPS, ESRI, SIDBI, and CBSE, along with special invitees, parents, and students, also engaged with

the team, who confidently showcased their innovation. On 9 October 2024, Army Public School Ratnuchak was awarded the Top 100 Certificate of Achievement for nurturing a Top 100 team at Youth Ideathon 2024.

The following day, on 10 October 2024, team members Vihaan Sharma, Mokshi Sharma, and Gurjeet Singh received Top 100 India Certificates of Achievement and medals for their outstanding contributions. Their mentor, Vishal Sharma, was also recognized with the Top 100 Mentor Certificate of Achievement for his exceptional guidance.

Principal Sonal Sharma was honored with the School Innovation Award, presented by Prof. P.V.

Madhusudan Rao, Professor in the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Design, IIT Delhi, in recognition of her leadership in fostering innovation. This accolade highlights the school's commitment to nurturing young innovators and entrepreneurs.

Biswajit Saha, Director (Skill Education & Training), CBSE, commended the participants, stating, "The entrepreneurial spirit of India's young minds is inspiring. Initiatives like Youth Ideathon cultivate creativity, problem-solving, and entrepreneurship from a young age."

This achievement reaffirms Army Public School Ratnuchak's leadership in empowering the next generation of innovators.

JU students perform Nukkad Natak for troops and their families

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JAMMU: The Department of Psychology, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Tiger Gunners, organized a Nukkad Natak (street play) as part of the World Mental Health Day celebrations. Held annually on October 10th, this year's theme was brought to life through a performance today, under the guidance of Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head, Department of Psychology and Dean Social Sciences.

The event commenced with an address by Dr. Sarita Sood, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, who stressed the need to shift the focus from mental illness to mental wellness in order to promote a healthier outlook on mental health.

Titled 'Jawaan', the play, written by Sanampreet, gave the troops and their families an insightful glimpse into the life of a soldier, addressing the psychological challenges they often face.

Through their moving performance, the students of the Department of Psychology brought attention to everyday mental health struggles and highlighted the importance of timely support to build mental resilience. The play also tackled the societal stigma surrounding psychological counselling, encouraging openness and understanding.

The performance was widely appreciated by the audience for its relevance

and impact. The key takeaway emphasized the necessity of breaking barriers to seeking mental health support and reinforcing the idea that counselling can be instrumental in helping individuals thrive, even in challenging environments.

In recognition of their commendable efforts, the organizers presented the student team with a memento. This collaborative initiative between the Department of Psychology and the Tiger Gunners underscores the critical importance of mental well-being, particularly within the armed forces, and serves as a positive step towards promoting holistic well-being for troops and their families.

Dr Arvind joins hands with VSSF

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JAMMU: Prominent sports psychologist and army officer, Colonel (Dr) Arvind Jha has joined hands with Vansh Sabre Sports Foundation (VSSF) and subsequently made chief advisor of the organisation.

This was disclosed by secretary of the Foundation, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta in a hand-out issued here today. A sports psychologist, Dr Arvind has done his Doctorate in sports psychology and LLM (Sports Law). He shall extend his support services to sportspersons of Jammu and Kashmir as art of the VSSF family.

In the meantime, president of the Foundation, Dr. Anil Padha termed the appointment of a learned psychologist as chief advisor shall go a long way in helping the sports fraternity in J&K. "We are hopeful of a visit by Dr Arvind in near future. Efforts would be made by the Foundation to involve associations working for different sports disciplines in mobilising the sportspersons," said the VSSF president.

Jasia led 15-member JKCA sr women's team selected

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JAMMU: Jasia Akhter led 15-member team has been selected by Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) for Senior Women's T20 Tournament 2024-25, commencing from October 17 across various venues in India.



The Jammu and team will play its league phase of the tournament at Vadodra in Gujarat. The team has been selected by Senior Women's Selection Committee including Surabhi Dadheechi, Ankita Jalla and Masrat Ahad.

The team includes Jasia Akhter (Captain), Rudrakshi Chib (Vice Captain), Shivanti Gupta, Sanjana, Bawandeep Kour, Sarla Devi, Nadia Chowdhury, Bismah Hassan, Sandhya Sayal, Rubiya Syed, Chitra Singh Jamwal, Lalita Rai (WK), Ananaya Sharma, Sehrish Tariq (WK) and Rifat Choudhary.

Former International cricketer Latika Kumari has been appointed as the Head Coach, while Saima Rashid will be the Assistant Coach, Ravi Dogra, Manager, Parveen Aziz, Co-Manager, Rohit Rana, Trainer, Lovely Bansal, Physiotherapist and Mujtaba Wani as the Video Analyst.

TBS, JU pays heartfelt tribute to Rattan Tata

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JAMMU: The Business School (TBS), University of Jammu today paid heartfelt tribute to the country's prominent industrialist and philanthropist, Padma Vibhushan Ratan Naval Tata who passed away on Wednesday at the age of 86.

The Director TBS Prof. Vinay Chauhan, while paying his tribute said that Rattan Tata was more than a business magnate. He was a compassionate visionary leader who believed in using business as a force for good.

He further said that his legacy will continue to inspire us as we strive to uphold the princ-



TBS JU faculty, students paying tributes to Rattan Tata.

ples he so passionately championed. He urged the students to learn from his leadership style by following his compassion, his sense of duty to the nation, and his unwavering principles.

He added that success is not defined solely by wealth but by the positive impact we leave on society.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Dean Business Studies, JU highlighted that through his career, he always conducted business

by focussing on both economic & societal progress.

She added that his actions have impacted lives and industries far beyond the financial metrics. She further highlighted Ratan Tata's role in shaping India's current economy position which stands on the cusp of a historic leap forward.

The faculty, students and staff members of TBS also paid floral tribute to the legendary con.

Dussehra celebration held at Shiksha Niketan School

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JAMMU: Celebrating festivals is an integral part of learning at Shiksha Niketan. Being a diverse country, through such celebrations, students not only learn the significance behind this festival, but they also learn to embrace other traditions and culture just like they do with their own.



Keeping upto this tradition, the festival of Dussehra was celebrated by Primary Students on Friday.

Dussehra is a major Indian festival, it also marks the end of Navratri. Dussehra signifies the victory of Lord Rama

over the demon Ravan, hence it symbolises the activities related to Dussehra and teacher also shared some valuable information about the festival.

The School's Principal Rameshwar Mengi extended his warm wishes to the students and teachers emphasizing the importance of learning from the festival's values.

Shailendra Kumar reviews progress on CSS, CAPEX, NABARD, HADP projects

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JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar, on Friday held a comprehensive review meeting to review the physical and financial progress on projects being executed under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), CAPEX budget, NABARD and the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

Mission Director HADP, Director Agriculture Jammu, Director Horticulture Jammu, Director Command Area Development Jammu, Director Finance APD, Secretary APD, Director Planning APD, Managing Director JKAGROS, Director Research SKUAST-J, Joint Directors of Agriculture and allied departments, Deputy Director Planning, Scientists from SKUAST-J, Chief Agriculture Officers and Chief Horticulture officers from all districts of Jammu division attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the officers presented detailed updates on implementation status, challenges encountered and strategies to expedite pending activities under these



schemes. The Principal Secretary emphasized the importance of ensuring timely execution and fund utilization under all schemes, while also addressing challenges faced in project implementation. Shailendra Kumar reviewed the significant advancements made under HADP, which has been instrumental in promoting sustainable agricultural practices and improving farmers' livelihoods. He observed that special attention has been given to ensure the expenditure under HADP, CSS and CAPEX projects align with the overall goal of infrastructure development in the sector. He also had detailed discussion on CSS projects, focusing on key flagship schemes like PDMC, SMAM, RAD, RRVY, PKVY,

ATMA, NFSM and others aimed at boosting rural prosperity.

The Principal Secretary directed all the departments to work in close coordination to meet the set targets for the fiscal year and ensure the benefits reach the grass-roots level. He also stressed the need for proper monitoring mechanisms and regular updates on the progress of all projects. The review included a specific assessment of the Baba Jitto Irrigation Project, with a call for increased focus on Rainfed Area Development. The meeting concluded with an actionable plan aimed at accelerating the completion of ongoing projects, reinforcing the commitment to enhance the agricultural ecosystem in the region.