# Jodhamal hosts INTACH Heritage Quiz 2024

JAMMU: The INTACH Heritage Quiz (City Round) 2024, hosted by Jodhamal School, Jammu, brought together a gathering of bright young minds from prominent Schools of Jammu under one roof.

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), established in 1984, has long been a vanguard in promoting awareness and preservation of India's rich cultural legacy

Today, it stands as one of the largest heritage organizations globally, boasting over 190 chapters across the country.

With 22 schools represented by 72 teams and 144 students, the event served as a platform to immerse themselves in heritage learning, aiming to kindle a spirit of volunteerism and deepen their understanding of



Winner students posing with Jodhamal Public School faculty and other dignitaries. Tourism, Jammu Chapter, Er.

Indian culture and INTACH's

The program began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Robin Singh Mehta, JKAS (Retd). and the Guest of Honour, Prof. Pragya Khanna, Principal, College Degree Govt. Hiranagar.

Among other dignitaries present were Arvind Kotwal, JKAS (Retd), Coordinator, Heritage

A K Kapoor, Former Superintendent Engineer, J&K Govt. PWD (R&B), S M Sahni,

JKAS (Retd), Convener. INTACH Jammu Chapter and Dr Rajesh Sharma, HoD, Dept of Mathematics, Govt. Degree College Hiranagar. An engaging contest of wits received a warm welcome address by the Principal, Girish Kumar, followed by a soulful

invocation song.

The quiz, conducted by the lively Quizmaster, Namrata Sharma, featured two phases. In the elimination round, a written test narrowed down the competitors, and the top four teams advanced to the stage round. The stage round, full of excitement and intellectual rigour, comprised five challenging categories: Indian Culture, Famous Personalities, Your State, Your City, and All About INTACH. Visual rounds added to the excitement, keeping both participants and audience on the edge of their seats.

The team from KC Public School emerged victorious, clinching the first position. Jodhamal Public School followed closely, securing the second position.

The Chief Guest, in his address, exhorted all participants to continue to exhibit their inclination for preservation of heritage, as worthy stewards of both tangible and intangible heritage.

The winners were felicitated by the guests, who awarded trophies and certificates to the victors. All participants received certificates of participation as a token of appreciation for their

Vice Principal, Amita Arora delivered the vote of thanks.

The coordination of the event was overseen by Deepali Sharma, INTACH Club Teacher-in-Charge.

## Kapil Dev appreciates J&K Tourism for its efforts in field of golf

JAMMU: Cricket legend and President of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), Kapil Dev, expressed his admiration for Jammu & Kashmir Tourism's efforts in promoting golf.

Speaking ahead of the PGTI tournament at the Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC), which will be held from 22nd to 27th October 2024, Kapil Dev praised the region for

its commitment to expanding the reach of golf. He said, "I thank J&K to have taken this step forward and this is a door opener for everybody

else. I promise that I'll come to Jammu as I'd like to see the game myself." His appreciation comes as 126 national and international players prepare to compete in the

prestigious tournament, further establishing Jammu as an emerging golf destination. Under the leadership of Yasha Mudgal, Secretary of J&K Tourism, golf tourism in the region has seen a definite boost. Her efforts have played a crucial role in promoting the sport and positioning Jammu as a growing

PGTI event, underscoring the course's growing

prominence. Set against Jammu's scenic back-

region is steadily positioning itself on the global golfing map. destination for golf. This year marks the third consecutive time that JTGC will host the

unique challenges for professional golfers, and the presence of Kapil Dev will bring additional visibility and attention to the event.

At the same time, the Jammu Tawi

Golf Course, under the leadership of its Secretary, Manav Gupta, continues to deliver a high-quality golfing experience. This dedication has contributed to its rise as a

premier venue for national and international Kapil Dev's support for golf initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir reflects the region's increasing influence on the Indian golf scene. With J&K Tourism actively developing infrastructure and hosting top-tier events, the

Kapil Dev's recognition of these efforts not only highlights the achievements so far but also sets the stage for further growth in the sport. As Jammu prepares to host this prestigious tournament, the combined efforts of J&K Tourism, local golf authorities, and sports icons like Kapil Dev are contributing to the

realization of the region's potential as a key golfing destination.

### Men's U-23 Col CK Nayudu Trophy

## Qamran slams cracking ton as J&K scores 320/7 against Delhi

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: Displaying extraordinary skill and temperament and showing solidity, sublimity and elegance, Qamran Iqbal notched up a cracking century to guide Jammu and Kashmir to a big score of 320/7 against formidable Delhi at stumps on day-1 of the Men's U-23 Col

CK Nayudu Trophy at Nawab Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi Stadium, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi on Sunday. Earlier, electing to bat, J&K openers--Qazi Junaid Masood and Qamran Iqbal began their innings' with caution and aggression and added 73 runs for the opening wicket in 24.3 overs before Qazi Junaid's dismissal at his individual score of 38 runs, studded with 5 boundaries. Musaif Ajaz who came in at number-3 was in sublime touch from the word go and the duo made a partnership of 101 runs, taking the score to 174/2 in 48.5 overs. Musaif contributed 45 runs off 75 balls

with 2 fours and 3 massive sixes. Skipper Kanhaiya Wadhawan fell cheaply at his individual score of 7 runs and the team's total of 212/3 in 56.5 overs. However, Qamran continued brilliance with the willow, taking the bowlers on a leather hunt, smash-

ing 10 delectable boundaries and 7

huge sixes in his knock of 147 runs off 183 balls with a strike rate of 80.33. Yawer Hassan also contributed sedate 21 runs off 66 balls with 2 hits to the fence.

Arya Thakur was at the crease on brisk 37 runs and Janib Javaid was unbeaten on 7 at the draw of stumps today

For Delhi, left-arm spinner Rounak Waghela was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 wickets by conceding 88 runs in his 30 overs, while speedster Akhil Choudhary bagged 2 wickets. Mayank Gossain and Divij Mehra claimed one

Rajesh Gill flags off J&K Differently Abled Cricket team **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Rajesh Gill, former Ranji player, Member Indian Cricketers Association and Honorary President J&K Differently Abled Cricket Association, on Sunday flagged off J&K cricket team of Differently Abled Cricket players in the presence of Avinash Uttam Honorary Senior Vice President Jammu and Kashmir Differently Abled Cricket Association and Ashish Singh, Managing Director Horizon Group of Company for their partici-

pation in the National

Championship, which is

scheduled to be held at

Udaipur, Rajasthan from



Former Ranji player, Rajesh Gill posing with team and officials at flagging off ceremony.

October 15 to 25, 2024.

he said in the championship, 24 teams of differstates including  $_{
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Delhi, Pradesh. Chhattisgarh, Uttar Chandigarh, Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka. Punjab, Baroda, Odisha, Vidarbha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal,

Maharashtra, Hyderabad and Gujarat are going to participate.

Earlier Jammu Kashmir Differently Abled Cricket team won the sec-

ond and third editions of

Differently Abled Cricket teams in 2022 and 2023, he said. J&K team- Wasim Iqbal

(Captain), Nikhil Manhas (Vice-Captain), Amir Hassan, Jaffar Amin Bhat, Javid Malik, Imtiyaz Ahmad Wagay , Ayaz Ahmad, Ishtiyak Ahmad, Magray, Majid Vivek Vaishno Dev Sharma, Singh, Rizwan Altaf, Manzoor Ahmad, Bhat Yawar, Zahoor Ahmad Wani. Officials-Mohd Nadeem (Coach) and Firdous Ahmed (Manager). Standby: Zakir Nisar, Mohd Ramzan, Ranjeet

# **MAJK** mountaineer Mukhi leaves for Nepal

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Rajesh Mukhi, a seasoned mountaineer of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK) left on Sunday for Nepal to undertake a very prestigious pre- Everest expedition to Ama Dablam peak (6826m) in Nepal.

Rajesh would join a multi-national team of a reputed mountaineering company, Pioneer Adventure Ltd, Nepal which has been hired for this expedition. The company would take care of all the logistics and technical support during the

Pertinent to mention here that for the last two years MAJK, on its own, has undertaken a very ambitious project of preparing its mountaineers for major mountaineering expeditions and finally to put at least one mountaineer at the top of Mount Everest, the highest peak of the world, in

Accordingly, to familiarize themselves with the vagaries of nature faced during major mountaineering expeditions our mountaineers have Cho Oyu, an 8000m peak and summitted some



Airport, Delhi before his departure for Nepal.

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other peaks in the Everest region.

However, keeping in view the high cost of participation in a Pre Everest expedition which amounts to Rs. seven lakh per person and the prohibitive cost of Rs.40 lakh per person for participation in an Everest expedition, the Association decided to depute only one mountaineer, Rajesh Mukhi, a senior mountaineer, for the Pre Everest expedition to Ama Dablam peak (6826m) in October, 2024 and the Everest expedition in April-May, 2025.

It may also be noted that Rajesh Mukhi is a highly trained mountaineer who has to his credit the scaling of Winson peak, the highest peak of Antarctica, the frozen continent; Island peak in the Everest region besides some other formidable

Meanwhile, Zorawar Singh Jamwal and Shawetica Khajuria, president and general secretary of MAJK along with members of District Mountaineering Associations of J&K have wished good luck to Rajesh Mukhi for the success of the

# DYSS Taekwondo selection event begins

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) on Sunday organised Taekwondo selection event to raise J&K team for the upcoming National School Games at MA Stadium, here.

In this two-day activity, selected boys and girls in all three age groups of under-14, under-17 and under-19 from both Kashmir and Jammu Division are taking

The opening day witnessed competition in boys section. The technical panel for the conduct included Atul Pangotra, Rajinder Singh, Mukta Gupta,



Taekwondo players participating in selection trial.

Barinder Singh, Taruna Khajuria and Shivali Rajput.

Meanwhile, the inter-divi-

sion selection event in all age groups of girls shall take place tomorrow at the

## Ranji Trophy Elite Group-A match

## J&K eying vital 1st innings lead against Maharastra as Ruturaj misses, Veer scores ton

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir are eying vital 1st innings lead against Maharashtra as Ruturaj Gaikwad missed a century and SA Veer scored a magnificent ton on day-3 of the ongoing Ranji Trophy Elite Group-A match at Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium here

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 28/1, Maharashtra managed to end the day at 312/6 in 86 overs, still trailing by a big margin of 207 runs from J&K's massive total of 519 dl in

their first innings. Opening batsman SA Veer who was unbeaten on 13 runs overnight, scored 127 runs off 251 balls studded with 19 boundaries, while skipper

JAMMU & KASHMIR 1ST INNINGS	
Abhinav Puri b Gurbani	0
Shubham Khajuria c Dhas b Walunj	25
Shubham Pundir c Veer b Kulkarni	3
Paras Dogra (c) c Gurbani b Walunj	3
Abdul Samad c†Naik b Walunj	2
Sahil Lotra c Dhas b Mukesh Choudhary	1
Shivansh Sharma † not out	10
Yudhvir Singh lbw b Walunj	0
Abid Mushtaq not out	2
Extras	1
Total	519/7
MAHARASHTRA 1ST INNINGS	
Siddhesh Veer b Auqib Nabi	12
Murtaza Trunkwala b Rasikh Salam	0
Sachin Dhas b Rasikh Salam	1
Ruturaj Gaikwad (c) b Yudhvir Singh	8
Ankit Bawne b Auqib Nabi	2
Nikhil Naik† st†Sharma b Abid Mushtaq	2
Arshin Kulkarni not out	1
Ramakrishna Ghosh not out	0
Extras	1
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# **SCOREBOARD**

Ruturaj Gaikwad scored splendid 86 runs off 130 balls with 13 fours. AR Bawane (26), NS Naik (21) and Arshin Kulkarni (19\*) were the other con-

tributors. Veer and Gaikwad were brilliant in the middle, making a big partnership of 175 runs between them.

Rasikh Salam, who has got India-A call up for Emerging Asia Cup and Auqib Nabi bagged 2 wickets each, while Yudhvir Singh and Abid Mushtaq claimed one

wicket each. Earlier, in J&K's big total of 519/7 dl, Shubham Khajuria had scored 255 plus runs while young Shivansh Sharma had unbeaten 106 runs.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS** DELHI:

Minister Dr Jitendra Singh Sunday hosted an informal luncheon interaction with students from Jammu & Kashmir. These children are in Delhi under Bharat Darshan programme of Government of India, which is being conducted by the Jammu & Kashmir Police.

Dr Jitendra Singh was impressed with the students' inquisitiveness, observation skills, IQ level and advised them to imbibe new technologies, learn about new StartUp avenues and get acquainted with new developments in different segments of society, especially science and technology, biochemistry, artificial intelligence and space technology. He urged students to use their smartphones to attain information and

He spoke about different schemes of the Government of

# Dr Jitendra hosts luncheon interaction with students from J&K



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh informally interacting with students from J&K, currently on Bharat Darshan tour, at New Delhi on Sunday.

including Pradhanmantri Vishwakarma Yojana, which would help them in acquiring and enhancing the skill of their forefathers.

The Minister informed them about women-run self help groups in J&K who are working on doubling apple yield and increasing the shelf life of these. He also informed about the Purple Revolution benefiting the youth of J&K who not only grow lavender but also distil perfume and oil out of it

thereby earning handsomely. Dr Jitendra Singh asked

JU employees' cricket team flagged off to Chandigarh

children to request their teachers to reach them with new perspectives and incorporate new ideas in their teachings. He also requested J&K Police officers, part of the troupe, to organise such workshops for the teachers that would be beneficial for the

students. There were around 70 students along with seven officials of the J&K Police. Around half of them are from the families of those who were killed in action. These students first went to Bengaluru where they visited among others Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Bengaluru. The tour began on October 09, 2024. They are travelling by air and will fly back tomorrow.

## **Inter-State Veteran T20 Cricket Championship**

## Veteran Cricket Association J&K XI takes 2-0 lead

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

CHANDIGARH: Veteran Association J&K XI beat Chandigarh Veterans by 25 runs and took an inaccessible lead of 2-0 in 3 match interstate Veteran T20 Cricket Championship being held at Chandigarh. Vivek Suri, Captain of Veteran Cricket Association J&K XI, won the toss and elected to bat first. Opening pair of Amit Kumar and Sunil Sharma started on a blistering note. Sunil Sharma hit ball to all sides of the ground and completed his century in just 50 balls. Both shared mammoth 179 runs first wicket partnership. Sunil



made 120 runs, Amit made 53 runs and Raieshwar scored 20 runs and took the team total to 219 runs for the loss of two wickets. For Orzu Cricket Club of Chandigarh Veterans, Rakesh Kar and Shubham claimed one wicket each.

Chasing a daunting total of 220 runs in 20 overs, Ashwani Koul, Captain of OCC Chandigarh Veterans and Rahul started the run chase of positive note before Rahul was cleaned up by Vivek Suri at 66 runs. Despite two more early

brakes, Shubham and Deepak consolidated the innings and shared 77 runs for 4th wicket. Despite that the asking run rate kept on creeping up and they scored 194 runs loosing 7 wickets and felt short by 25 runs. Shubham, Ashwani, Rahul & Deepak scored 58, 39. 32 and 26 runs respectively for the team. For Veteran Cricket Association J&K XI captain Vivek Suri took three wickets, Akash Kohli and Ashish Singh grabbed two wickets. Sunil Sharma of VCAJK was declared Player of the Match. The last match of Inter-state Veteran T20 Cricket Championship will be played tomorrow.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, on Sunday flagged off the University's employees cricket team to Chandigarh for their participation in the prestigious 20th Vice-Chancellor's Cricket Tournament. The tournament is scheduled to be held from October 15 to 22, 2024.

Wishing the team success, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba expressed his confidence in their abili-

ties and extended his best wishes. He commended Raj Kumar, the team captain, for his leadership and hoped the team would bring laurels to the University with their perform-

On the occasion, Dr. Baba distributed uniforms, sweaters, shoes, and tracksuits to all the players and support staff.

Sumit Sharma, Sr. P.A. to the Vice-Chancellor, was also present during the flagging-off ceremony.