

# South Kashmir Volleyball championship concludes

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ANANTNAG: The 3-day South Kashmir Volleyball championship (Boys and girls) organized by Volleyball Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council concluded at indoor stadium Bijbehra, Anantnag on Friday.

The club Azgar Club Kulgam clinched championship in boys section by defeating Star Club Pulwama by 3:2 (sets) score 25:22, 21:25, 25:27, 25:23, 15:13 whereas Shopian C N E I club clinched the championship by defeating Blue Volleyball club Anantnag in girls section (sets) 3:1 score. 24:26, 25:22, 25:18, 25:21.

Sajad Adl. SP Anantnag who was the Chief Guest, gave away prizes to winner and runner up teams on the occasion. The chief guest exhorted youth to adopt sports for their overall growth, well-being and get rid of all social evils including drug addiction for better future. Reiterating the resolve of the Minister of youth Services and Sports, JKUT Mr Satish Sharma on opening Ceremony day of 3-day day Mega Event, the chief guest called upon the talented, deserving, outstanding sports men to avail full facilities being provided to them by the Govt for glorifying the name of J&K at National & interna-



Organisers along with winner team posing with trophy.

tional level in sports arena.

In this championship in all 12 teams 8 in boys section & 4 in girls section drawn from Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag Distts of South Kashmir participated with sole aim of channelising the energies of youth in constructive and developmental activities. For organisers it was an uphill task to organize as many as 22 (15-boys & 7 girls)

matches within in a stipulated period of 3 days which was accomplished with a dedicated team of recognized Volleyball referees effectively.

Kuldeep Magotra Chief Executive officer VAJK on behalf of Volleyball Association of J&K thanked all stakeholders especially J&K Sports Council, Youth Services and Sports department for their continuous support in making this 3rd South Kashmir

Volleyball Championship a grand success. He appreciated efforts of all office bearers of four Distts for their contribution with out which it would not have been possible to complete the event successfully. Mohd Akram JKAS district treasury officer, and Nusraat Gazala Divisional sports officer Kashmir were the guest of honour and other dignitaries were Abdul Ahad Shah vice president volleyball association, Nelofer Habib secretary kulgam, Mudasir Dar secretary pulwama, and Muzamil and Mutahir Shabir incharge district volleyball association shopian.

The dignitaries/officials/ players were honored by presenting Mementos/ trophies/ individual prizes by CEO Kuldip Magotra, Mohd Tariq Joint Secretary, VAJK.

President Volleyball Association of J&K Siddharth Daluja congratulated winner/runner-up teams for their splendid performance, and urged them to keep competitive spirits alive for their better future. He also appreciated all officials/referees/organizers for toiling hard for making this prestigious Championship successful. Today's officials were Shabbir Ahmed, Sidarat Hussain, Manzoor Khan, Shah Faisal, Ikhlaiq Ahmed, Intazar Ali and Ajaz Ahmed.

# ADGP Jammu inaugurates 2nd Rajinder Magotra Basketball Tournament

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JAMMU: The opening of the 2nd Rajinder Magotra Basketball Tournament was held on Friday at Mini Stadium Parade Ground in Jammu. Organized by the Rajinder Magotra Sports Welfare Club, the event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, ADGP Jammu Anand Jain, who expressed his support for initiatives promoting sports and youth engagement. The event was further graced by Guest of Honour, Ranjit Kalra, Deputy Director of the Academic Staff College, University of Jammu, and a member of the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council.

The tournament kicked off with an energetic opening match between the RBC and BSF Jammu teams. RBC displayed remarkable performance, clinching the victory with a final score of 100 to 63. Standout players Gaurav and Pratanshu from RBC contributed significantly to



ADGP Jammu Anand Jain interacting with players.

their team's success, emerging as the top scorers.

Following the opening game, the second match of the day saw RMSWC (Rajinder Magotra Sports Welfare Club) competing against the Court Warriors. RMSWC triumphed in this match, securing a final score of 49 to 32. Key players Pranav and Rajesh Bandral led the winning side with impressive scoring, showcasing exceptional skill and teamwork.

The tournament, held annually to honor the legacy of Rajinder Magotra, emphasizes the importance of sportsmanship and community involvement, fostering unity and competitive spirit among the youth. With top-notch teams and enthusiastic spectators, the event promises an exciting lineup of matches in the coming days, adding momentum to Jammu's vibrant sports culture.

# 29th Jammu District Billiards & Snooker Championship begins



DSO J&K Sports Council, Baljinder Pal Singh inaugurating the championship.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Inaugural ceremony of 29th Jammu District Billiards & Snooker Championship was organized on Friday by The Billiards & Snooker

Association J&K under the Aegis of J&K Sports Council. The opening ceremony of the Championship was inaugurated by Baljinder pal Singh Divisional Sports Officer

J&K Sports Council. Others present were Kuldeep Sharma, Genl. Secy. Ishuk Chowdhary Organising Secy, Ishan Chowdhary, Akash Talwar and Anil vadera Senior boxing coach, Manager indoor stadium and all the other participants.

This tournament has got a very big response as hundreds of players have got themselves registered in the Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior category for the tournament.

The Championship was started with the Sub-Junior category matches in which Sub-junior Hardik beat samarveer (49-31) (32-18); Devyansh abrol beat tanmay kapoor(50-41)(42-30) an din Junior category Sudhanshu beat Samarveer(46-16)(64-14).

# Growing Jammu needs more stadias: Sham

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JAMMU: With the growing city limits, Jammu needed more stadias and play fields to attract the youth, who otherwise have been left with little options to explore the possibilities in the world of sports.

This was stated by former Minister and MLA, Sham Lal Sharma at the inaugural of the 24th J&K UT Sport Climbing Championship, organised by Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK) at Tenzing Norgay Sport Climbing wall in the Sprawling Buds ICSE School campus, Bantalah, here.

The local MLA was speaking to the gathering of young climbers, who represented different districts of the UT of J&K.

Earlier, the organisers had a tough time to complete the preliminary rounds of the competition in view of the growing participation of about 400 boys



Sham Lal Sharma, former Minister and MLA inaugurates 24th J&K Sport Climbing Championship at Sprawling Buds ICSE School Jammu on Friday.

and girls from 11 districts of Udhampur, Reasi, Anantnag, Samba, Srinagar, Pulwama, Budgam, Shopian, Doda, Kulgam and Jammu.

While addressing the distinguished gathering of the two days championship in which over 400 climbers are participating, the chief guest said that there was great need of another

stadium in Jammu city because of the expanding area and population. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Zorawar Singh Janwal, president; Ram Khajuria, senior vice president and Shawetika Khajuria, general secretary of MAJK; Rahul Sharma, chairman and Ramesh Khajuria, Director of

Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Jammu; Arti Sharma, chairperson Apple Kids International Pre School, Bantalah, Jammu, general secretary District Mountaineering Association Jammu, Sonam Sidharth and office bearers of District Mountaineering Associations of Udhampur, Reasi, Anantnag, Samba, Srinagar, Pulwama, Budgam, Shopian, Doda, Kulgam besides Jameed Mustafa, president of Sunridges Trekking and Mountaineering Club, Pulwama as also managers and coaches of various participating institutions.

Baljinder Pal Singh, Divisional Sports Officer and

Anil Wadhwa, Boxing coach attend the inaugural ceremony as observers from J&K Sports Council. President of the Association Zorawar Singh Janwal stressed the need to promote more and more sports with necessary infrastructure so that the youth of the UT can be saved from the ill effects of drugs. The two-day championship is being organised by Mountaineering Association of J&K in collaboration with Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Jammu under the aegis of Indian Mountaineering Foundation North Zone Committee, New Delhi and sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

# Udhampur District Kabaddi Championship concludes

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UDHAMPUR: Two days Kabaddi Championship organized by District Kabaddi Association Udhampur at Indoor Sports Complex Subhash Stadium Udhampur was declared closed by Amid Ashok Nagpure IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police Udhampur in a well attended ceremony.

Sandeep Bhat Additional SP, Ashok Kumar Salthotra former Director Sports SMVD Shrine Board Patron in Chief of the Association was the Guest of Honour. Sheikh Tanveer President Udhampur District Kabaddi Association welcomed the Chief Guest and other distinguished guests. While speaking on the occasion Nagpure said seeing young Boys & Girls demonstrating their best talent and sportsmanship was a vice gesture and further added that sports is the best proved media to divert attention of young generation from drugs smoking and alcohol and towards best body cultural development, healthy habits, tolerance and mental cooperation. He lauded the efforts of J&K Kabaddi Association and Udhampur District Kabaddi Association for he well organised championship. The Tournament is being organised under the supervision of Sh. Anil Gupta President J&K Amateur Kabadi Association and Kuldeep Gupta General Secretary J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association. In Final Matches Junior Boys Garhi Club beat UKC by score 39-17; Sub-Junior Boys UKC beat KV No-1 by score 48-36; Junior Girls UKC beat Chiriyai Club by score 27-10; Sub-Junior Girls KV No-2 beat UKC by score 29-28 The prominent functionaries of the Association and guests were Ashok Magotra Chairman, PC Kotwal Retd Assistant Director YS&S, Raj Guru prominent Vollyball player; Naveen Kumar Observer J&K Kabaadi Association, Naveen Kumar Manager Subash Stadium Udhampur; Advocate Sanjeev Bavaria, Sanjay Sharma, Bhoopinder Singh, Vishal Bamotra, Anshu Brat Khama and Ram Kumar. All the matches were officiating by Akshay Singh, Anita, Rajni, Kanika, Saksham, Adarsh. Mannat, Sandeep and Kriti.



# International Conference on 'Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Reproduction: Exploring New Frontiers' concludes at JU

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JAMMU: The International Conference on Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Reproduction: Exploring New Frontiers, organised by the University of Jammu, concluded with a grand valedictory function, marking the successful end rich scientific discussions and collaborations.

Organized by the Department of Zoology in collaboration with the Indian Society for Comparative Endocrinology (ISCE), the event attracted around 150 researchers from across India and abroad. The International Conference was inaugurated by the LG JKUT and Chancellor, University of Jammu Manoj Sinha on October 22, 2024. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu Prof. Umesh Rai expressed immense satisfaction with the successful organization of the 4-day International Conference on Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Reproduction. He hoped that the in-depth deliberations, expert discussions, and knowledge-sharing ses-



VC JU Prof. Umesh Rai and others during the concluding day of Int'l Conference.

sions that took place during the conference would prove to be highly fruitful, driving advancements in the field and inspiring further research and collaboration among scholars and practitioners worldwide.

Prof. Bechan Lal, President of Indian Society for Comparative Endocrinology (ISCE), delivered an inspiring address highlighting the society's contributions to the field of comparative endocrinology and encouraged young researchers to advance the legacy.

Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Jammu, presided over the function, emphasizing the

critical importance of

endocrinology as a field where scientific advancements are progressing rapidly. He highlighted that while it is essential to stay updated with the latest developments, we must also remember and respect the foundations laid by traditional science. Prof. Sharma noted that conferences like these play a vital role in nurturing scientific dialogue and building meaningful research collaborations that bridge contemporary advancements with traditional insights, paving the way for a more comprehensive understanding in the

field. The event saw the presence of esteemed guests, including Chief Guest Prof. C. M. Chaturvedi, Professor Emeritus from Banaras Hindu University, and Guest of Honour Prof. Vinod Kumar, INSA Senior Scientist. Prof. Kumar praised the diversity of topics covered during the conference and emphasized the importance of collaborative research in endocrinology.

Earlier, Prof. Seema Langer, Convener of the conference in her welcome address extended her gratitude to Prof. Bechan Lal,

President of ISCE, and Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, for their unwavering support in ensuring the event's success. Prof. Langer also recognized the dedicated efforts of the organizing committee.

The achievements of young researchers were also recognized during the valedictory function with prizes awarded for the best oral and poster presentations, motivating the next generation of scientists.

Prof. Pankaj Kumar, Organizing Secretary of the conference, presented a detailed summary of the three-day proceedings, and the event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Parvinder Kumar, acknowledging the collective efforts of all participants, speakers, and the organizing team.

Earlier in the day, the conference began its final day with four technical sessions, featuring 21 presentations on topics spanning

endocrinology, neurobiology, and biodiversity. The sessions included three plenary talks, six invited talks by renowned experts, and 12 oral presentations from researchers presenting their latest findings. One of the highlights was an online lecture delivered by Prof. Manfred Gahr from the Max Planck Institute for Biological Sciences in Seewiesen, Germany, offering valuable insights into cutting-edge endocrinological research.

The day continued the momentum set by the previous days, facilitating an impressive exchange of scientific ideas and further exploring new frontiers in the field of endocrinology. The conference, with its diverse range of presentations and discussions, left participants enriched and inspired, having fostered new collaborations and scientific partnerships across borders.

# Army Public School Damana organises prodigious 'Career Fest'

**'It's through curiosity and looking at opportunities in new ways that we've always mapped our path'**

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JAMMU: Army Public School Damana organized an informative Career Fest on Friday, at the Oval Garden of the School. The program witnessed the significant presence of Brig Vivek Puri, Cdr 19 Inf Bde & Chairman APS Damana as the Chief Guest. The Fest was inaugurated by the Chief Guest and was graced by Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana, Lt Col R S Slathia, SO School, Shallu Kapoor, Vice Principal, Career Consultants from various prestigious Universities and Students of classes VIII-XII.

Distinguished Career Advisors from 20 esteemed institutions like IIM, IIT Jammu, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of



Brig Vivek Puri, Cdr 19 Inf Bde & Chairman APS Damana inaugurating the Fest.

India (ICAI), National Institute of Fashion Designing (NIFD), Bennett University, Manav Rachna University, Institute of Integrated Learning in Management University, Maharishi M a r k a n d e s h w a r University, Bhanwar Rathore Design Studio,

Institute of Company Secretary, Quantum University, Doon Business School, Graphic Era University, Chitkara University, Lovely Professional University, Institute of International Development Program, Shoolini University, DAV, Chandigarh Group of

Colleges, and Parul University which established their booths at the Career Fest. Prashant Sharma, an alumni of the school represented the booth of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). The motive behind this Career Fest was to equip students with the understanding of how their choices today will pave the way for their success tomorrow.

Besides this, a didactic session was also organized for the students of classes XI & XII on 'how to choose their career wisely'. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Assistant Professor, Finance & Accounting, IIM Jammu, with an impressive 27 years of experience in Finance, Strategy, Consulting, and Research gave his insightful guid-

ance in the field of Finance & Accounting. Dr. Sarbjit Singh, Assistant Professor of Economics at IIM Jammu and Parmveer Nandal, an alumnus of IIT Jammu, an entrepreneur also briefed the students about the need and importance of skills in student's life which is required while opting for different career options. This Career Fest enabled students to interact directly with the representatives from Universities known for their academic excellence, allowing them to ask questions, seek guidance, and make accurate decisions about their future paths.

Brig Vivek Puri, SM, Chairman APS Damana, in his address praised the School's initiative for conducting such an informative Career Fest. He moti-

vated the students to get acquainted with the different career options available in various universities and take benefit by this unveiling and transformative career fest. Pushpinder Kaur, Principal of the school holds that the fest presents career guidance, networking opportunities and resources for the students to explore desired career pathways and also motivated the students to identify their skills and strengths while choosing career. The entire fest was managed and co-ordinated by Madhur Uppal, Counsellor of the school.

The fest concluded on a high note, with students expressing their gratitude for the exposure and learning opportunities they gained.