

Judo displays entertaining bouts in Police Games

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: The close and interesting bouts in game of Judo created cheerful atmosphere at the beautiful Sher-e-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex (SKISC) hosting the 10th All India Police Games Judo Cluster being hosted by J&K Police, here on Sunday.

The bouts in the women section, especially those of the final stages, truly entertained the crowd. The day witnessed a tight schedule with technical penal completed competition in seven weight categories, including four in women section.

With nil participation in women section and below standard men's team, the host J&K Police had little to



ADGP Armed, organising secretary of 10th All India Police Games Judo Cluster, Anand Jain with medal winner judokas at SKISC, Srinagar on Sunday.

celebrate in Judo. The only participating Judoka, featured in today's fixtures, Amjad Hussain Mir finished last at the joint seventh spot with Maharashtra in Below

73 kg weight category. The Results: JUDO: MEN: Below 60 kg: Many Sharma, UP; gold; Sapam Meitei, CRPF, silver; Ankush Lathwal, CRPF and

S Vikash Shedge, bronze. Below 66 kg: Laishram Meitei, CRPF, gold; Shivam Kumar, BSF, silver; Keshav, SSB and Rahul, Assam Rifles, bronze. Below 73 kg: Max Meitei, SSB, gold; Sourabh, BSF, silver; Jasbeer Singh, Punjab and Jatin, CISF, bronze. WOMEN: Below 48 kg: Pallavi, CISF, gold; Laishra Sanatombi Devi, silver; Antim Yadav, UP and Renu, Assam Rifles, bronze. Below 52 kg: Lalhumhini, SSB, gold; L N Chamu, Assam Rifles, silver; Huidrom Matouleibi Devi, CRPF and Jyoti, Chandigarh, bronze. Below 57 kg: Chanan Rebina Devi, CISF, gold Sandhya Kumari, SSB, silver; Megha Tokas, CISF and Puja

Basumatary, Assam Rifles, bronze. Below 63 kg: I Kalpana Devi, SSB, gold; Poonam Kumari, SSB, silver; L Rubina Devi, Assam Rifles and Savitri, Chandigarh, bronze. TAEKWONDO: On the first day of the two-day Taekwondo meet, only two weights decided when the last reports filed. The Results: MEN: 58 kg: Anshu Dandotiya, CISF, gold; Bhavik Lakwal, CRPF, silver; Ravi, SSB and M Yogeshwaran, Tamil Nadu Police, bronze. 73 kg: Sneha, Assam Rifles, gold; Mayuri Shivaji Kharat, Maharashtra, silver; Lakshmi Mugli, Arunachal Pradesh and Manisha, Haryana Police, bronze.

ICC Chief Jay Shah, BCCI President Mithun Manhas inaugurate Mithali Raj Stand in Vizag

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
V I S A K H A P A T N A M : Paying a glowing tribute to two of the state's most accomplished women cricketers - Mithali Raj and Raavi Kalpana, the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) named a stand and a gate after them respectively at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, here.

The inauguration was carried out by Minister for IT, Electronics, RTG and HRD (Andhra Pradesh), Nara Lokesh, in the presence of ICC Chairman Jay Shah, BCCI president Mithun Manhas, ACA President Kesineni Sivanath, and several dignitaries from the cricketing fraternity.



The momentous occasion was also graced by ICC CEO Sanjog Gupta, Cricket Australia Chairman Mike Baird, and CEO Todd Greenberg. In addition, BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia, and Joint Secretary Prabhat Bhatia were among those present.

Prominent among those present from the Andhra Cricket Association were Secretary Sana Sathish Babu, Vice-President Bandaru Narasimha Rao, Treasurer Dandamudi Srinivas, Joint Secretary B Vijay Kumar, and Councillor Dantu Gour Vishnu Tej.

Humanity Public School students shine at Inter-Division UT level Taekwondo Championship

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBA: Students of Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana Udhay Dev and Paras Verma of class 9th have made the institution proud by exhibiting commendable skill and determination at the Inter-Division UT Level Taekwondo Competition 2025, organised by the Department of Youth Services & Sports which was held at Youth Hostel, Nagrota. Competing against several talented participants from different districts, both students displayed exemplary sportsmanship, focus, and agility throughout the championship.

Their exceptional performance has earned them selection for the forthcoming National Level Taekwondo



Championship, where they will represent the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. This achievement not only highlights their personal dedication but also reflects the school's consistent efforts in promoting physical education and sports excellence among students.

To honour their outstanding success, the school organized a special felicitation

assembly, where the young achievers were cheered by teachers and students alike. The Sports Incharge, Mahan Singh, appreciated their personal hard work and unwavering spirit, remarking that their victory serves as an inspiration for other students to actively participate in sports and aim high. He also extended gratitude to their coach, Deepak Kumar, for his continuous support, pro-

fessional training, and guidance which played a crucial role in shaping their achievement.

The Principal, Gaurav Charak, congratulated Udhay Dev and Paras Verma for their remarkable feat and motivated them to continue their winning streak at the national level. He lauded the efforts of the sports department for nurturing young talent and reaffirmed the school's commitment to providing students with ample opportunities to excel both academically and in extracurricular fields.

The entire Humanity Public School fraternity celebrates this proud moment, wishing Udhay and Paras greater success and glory in their future sporting endeavours.

Poonch District Volleyball Championship begins under floodlights

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: The Poonch District Volleyball Championship commenced with great enthusiasm at Poonch, marking a historic moment as the tournament is being played under floodlights for the first time.

The event is being organized by the Poonch District Volleyball Association under the banner of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir and sponsored by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council in collaboration with Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club, Poonch.

A total of 16 men's teams and 4 women's teams are participating in the championship, showcasing the growing interest and talent in volleyball across the district.

The inaugural ceremony witnessed the presence of



Dignitaries presenting memento to Chief Guest, DC Poonch, Ashok Sharma.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Sharma (JKAS), as the Chief Guest, while Er. Aftab Shaikh, XEN PDD, graced the event as the Guest of Honour. Both dignitaries lauded the efforts of the Poonch District Volleyball Association for promoting sports and engaging youth in constructive activities. Dr. Udespal Sharma, President of the

Poonch District Volleyball Association, delivered the vote of thanks and appreciated the support extended by various departments and local organizations in making the event possible.

Prominent personalities present on the occasion included Adv. Iftaqr Bazmi, ADDC Thair Malik, Imtiaz Salaria, Majid Dar, and social activist Pardeep

Khanna. In the men's category, Mumtaz Club defeated Knight Riders Mendhar in a thrilling three-set match (25-21, 22-25, 12-15). Pinto Club registered a straight-set victory over Kalai Star (25-15, 25-18), while Poonch Club overcame Khelo India with scores of 25-19 and 25-15.

In the women's section, Khelo India edged past Uehhad Club (25-19, 22-25, 12-15), and SMS Club dominated Degree College Poonch (25-10, 25-11).

The matches were conducted smoothly under the supervision of officials Shabir Ahmad, Jitender Pal, Davinder Singh, Intazar Ali, Sidart Hussain, and Ajaz Ahmad, who ensured fair play and a professional sporting environment throughout the day.

JKCA announces 15-member squad for match against Mumbai; 20-member season squad already finalized

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has already officially unveiled its 20-member Ranji Trophy squad for the 2025-26 domestic season, reaffirming its commitment to consistency, strategy, and player rotation as per the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) guidelines.

As mandated, the match-day squad will include 15 players, allowing the team management flexibility to tailor selections according to pitch conditions, opposition strength, and form.

Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA, emphasized that the process is entirely in line with BCCI's regulations and ensures fairness and transparency in team selection. "The 15-member squads will be announced for each match or a set of fixtures depending on

the prevailing conditions and the behavior of the pitches," he stated, dispelling any speculation regarding changes or reduction in the overall squad. For the upcoming high-stakes encounter against Mumbai, JKCA has named a formidable 15-member lineup blending youth and experience. The squad features top-order reliability and explosive middle-order depth with Shubham Khajuria, Qamran Iqbal, Yawar Hassan, Vivrant Sharma, Paras Dogra (captain), Abdul Samad, Musaif Aijaz, and wicketkeeper-batter Kanhaiya Wadhawan. The all-round strength is boosted by Sahil Lotra and Abid Mushtaq, while the pace attack-led by Yudhvir Singh, Umran Malik, Aquib Nabi, and Umar Nazir-adds a lethal edge to JKCA's bowling arsenal. Sunil Kumar's

inclusion reinforces the balance of the side.

The remaining five talented players-Rohit Sharma, Kawalpreet Singh, Lone Nasir Muzaffar, Mujtaba Yousuf, and Vanshaj Sharma-are also part of the 20-member season roster and stand ready to step in as circumstances or match conditions demand. This strategic rotation policy is designed to maintain player fitness, foster competition for places, and build bench strength for the long domestic season ahead. With a fine blend of proven performers and promising youngsters, JKCA's Ranji squad represents both stability and ambition. The team's announcement signals not just the beginning of another cricketing journey but also the strengthening of J&K's position as a rising force in India's domestic cricketing circuit.

CEO inspects ULLAS Examination Centres across Jammu District

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In order to ensure the smooth and transparent conduct of the ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) examination, a comprehensive inspection of various examination centres across Jammu district was carried out today.

The inspection team comprised Chief Education Officer Ajeet Sharma, DEPO B.D. Sharma, Divisional Coordinator Rajkumar Chadha from Samagra Shiksha, Co-Coordinator Archana Parihar, ZEO Jammu Ruksana Kouser, District Coordinator ULLAS Sachin Goel, Zonal Coordinator Jammu ULLAS Poonam Gupta and Assistant Zonal Coordinator Rajeev Sharma.

The monitoring team visited multiple centres to assess the arrangements made for the examinees and to ensure that all guidelines and procedures were being followed meticulously. During the visit, the offi-



Chief Education Officer Ajeet Sharma and others during visit to ULLAS Examination Centre.

cers interacted with the staff and candidates, taking feedback about the conduct of the examinations and appreciating the efforts of the centre superintendents and volunteers for their effective management.

They expressed satisfaction over the overall arrangements and emphasized the impor-

ance of maintaining fairness, discipline, and inclusivity in the examination process. The inspection team also encouraged the participants to continue their journey of learning under the ULLAS initiative, which aims to promote literacy and lifelong learning among all sections of society.

The visit reflected the commitment of the Department of Education and the ULLAS Mission towards strengthening the foundation of education and creating a culture of continuous learning and empowerment across the Jammu District officers thoroughly reviewed the arrangements at

Bar Association clinches victory against Chief Agriculture Office in Civic Action Cricket Tournament

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: As part of the ongoing Civic Action Programme organized by 124-IRP Battalion in collaboration with the District Youth Services and Sports Office (DYSSO) Udhampur, an exciting cricket match was held between the Bar Association Udhampur and the Chief Agriculture Office (CAO) Udhampur.

The match, part of a larger tournament, promoted the themes of fitness, teamwork, and drug-free living under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan.

Winning the toss, the Bar Association chose to bat and put up a strong total of 188 runs for 3 wickets. A remarkable century by Gaurav (100 runs not out) led the scoreboard, with solid contributions from Ashfaq (39 runs) and Bhanu (12 runs). The Agriculture Office bowlers struggled to break the rhythm,



Chief guest interacting with participating team.

with Rakesh claiming the only wicket.

In the second innings, the Agriculture Office team was restricted to 82 runs, thanks to an excellent bowling performance by the Bar Association. Anoop led the attack with 3 wickets, while Kuldeep and Rohin chipped in with 1 wicket each. Top scorers from the CAO side were Ajay (20), Ajay (13), and Gautam (14).

The Bar Association won the

match by a convincing 106 runs, marking a strong performance in the tournament.

Chief Guest Harbans Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer Udhampur, applauded the sportsmanship displayed by both teams and emphasized the importance of such tournaments in engaging youth and professionals in positive, community-driven activities.

The event is part of a broader effort to promote health, dis-

cipline, and awareness under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, using sports as a powerful tool to keep youth away from substance abuse and encourage civic engagement.

In addition to the district-level team, monitoring officials from DIET Jammu and SCERT Jammu also visited several examination centres to oversee the process and provide necessary support to ensure the successful completion of the examination.

The inspection teams expressed satisfaction over the smooth and fair conduct of the examination and applauded the coordinated efforts of the education department, centre superintendents, and volunteers.

Aadhvan Pagal of DPS Jammu wins gold in J&K UT Judo Championship 2025

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Aadhvan Pargal, a student of Class VIII-F at Delhi Public School (D P S) J a m m u, laurels to the school and his parents by winning the Gold Medal in the J&K UT Judo Championship 2025, organized by the Judo Association of Jammu and Kashmir. He competed in the Under-14 years age category.

With this remarkable achievement, Aadhvan has also qualified for the National-level Judo Championship, scheduled to be held in Hyderabad from 16th to 20th November 2025.

The Management of DPS Jammu - President- RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh, and Director, S.S. Sodhi along with Principal, Ruchi Chabra - congratulated Aadhvan, his proud parents, and his coach, Suresh Kumar, on this outstanding accomplishment.

They also extended their best wishes to him for continued success in all his future endeavours.

Amit's gritty knock, Khajuria's final-over Hat-trick seals thrilling win for Media XI



Winner Media XI team in jubilant mood.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a pulsating finish at the Sidhra Forest Stadium, Media XI Cricket Club clinched a nail-biting two-run victory over Combine Cricket Club, thanks to a sensational final-over hat-trick from seamer Yash Khajuria. The dramatic turnaround came just when Combine CC appeared poised for victory, needing only eight runs off the last six deliveries with wickets in hand.

Earlier, Media XI set a competitive total of 111 for five in their allotted 14 overs. Amit Kumar anchored the innings with a composed 48 off 33 balls, laced with five boundaries and a towering six, holding the side together after early jolts. His dismissal, however, did not halt the scoring flow as Raman's

unbeaten 33 off just 15 deliveries injected much-needed momentum in the closing overs, ensuring a challenging target for the opposition.

Combine CC's reply began cautiously before Armaan steadied the chase with a resilient 28. The middle order chipped in with brief but valuable partnerships that kept them within touching distance. Despite losing wickets at intervals, Combine CC entered the final over with the upper hand, requiring only eight runs for victory and three wickets remaining.

Skipper Rahul Khatri's decision to hand the ball to Yash Khajuria proved a masterstroke. Under immense pressure, Khajuria delivered a fiery spell, dismissing Kaushal Singh, Amit

Sharma and Tanish Mehra off consecutive deliveries to complete a breathtaking hat-trick. The triple strike not only turned the game on its head but also restricted Combine CC to 109 for nine, sparking jubilant celebrations in the Media XI camp.

Yash finished with impressive figures of 3 for 19, earning him the hero's mantle for his death-over brilliance. Earlier, Ghani had been equally effective in the middle overs, claiming 3 for 14 to stifle the chase before Yash's heroics sealed the contest.

Beyond the field, the Media XI Cricket club has been promoting a positive message through its campaign 'Say No to Drugs and Yes to Life', aiming to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle among youth in Jammu.

It takes time to learn Judo, says Olympian Tombi

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Both trainees and the guardians need to be patient to get the desired results, the reason being it takes time to learn and train in the Olympian game of Judo. This was stated by one of the top players of the country, Khumukheam Tombi Devi, an Olympian and Arjuna Awardee of 2008, who was in Srinagar in connection with the 10th All India Police Games Judo Cluster. Now, coach of the CRPF team, Assistant Commandant, Tombi said that a player needs uninterrupted training for years together to develop the skills of speed,



strength, endurance, power and will to win. "It is not easy to win a medal in the Olympic discipline of Judo, especially in the senior group. One needs at least five years to become a medalist at the National stage. It takes time to grow fully in terms of skill, endurance, strength, power and will to win against the strong opponent," said Tombi, who belongs to Manipur.

Qualified coach from NS NIS, Tombi Devi is a media winner in Commonwealth, Asian Championship and European Circuit as also a National Games champion in 48 kg weight category. She started training in Judo in 1993 and won her first medal at

the national stage in the year 2000. She practiced the game for pretty long time of 23 years (1993-2016). On being asked about transformation in Judo since its inception in India, she said, "Not much has changed in terms of the game, however, the rules keep on changing with the passage of time. Infrastructure has improved a lot, so are the opportunities. A judo enthusiast just need to be patient and spend a couple years of hard training under the guidance of qualified individuals to get the desired results. Important to mention here that CRPF has produced three Olympians and an equal number of Arjuna Awardees in the discipline of Judo.