

Volleyball Tournament under CAP gets underway at JKAP 8th Battalion

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JAMMU: A volleyball tournament organized under the Civic Action Programme 2025-26 by the J&K Armed Police (JKAP) 8th Battalion was formally inaugurated by Suram Singh, JKPS (SSP), Commandant JKAP 8th Battalion, at Miran Sahib, Jammu on 24th October 2025.

On 25th October, exciting matches were played between Army Public School, Miran Sahib and Government Boys High School, Kotli Shah Doula, followed by a thrilling contest between JK Public School, Kunjwani and Mother India Secondary School, R.S. Pura.

While addressing the participants, Commandant Suram Singh highlighted the



A player receiving certificate after the match.

crucial role of the Jammu and Kashmir Police in strengthening police-public relations and fostering community harmony through sports.

He underlined the importance of sports in building character, discipline, and

teamwork, as well as in steering youth away from social evils.

He further assured that the Police Department will continue to organize such meaningful and constructive events in the future under the Civic Action Programme,

aimed at engaging the younger generation in positive pursuits.

The day's matches drew a large audience, including staff members of participating schools, respected citizens, and police officials, all of whom appreciated the ini-

tiative of JKAP 8th Battalion in promoting sports and providing a platform for youth development.

The event was conducted in a cordial and disciplined atmosphere, reflecting true sportsmanship and unity between the police and the public. At the end of the day, players were felicitated with individual certificates by Bhupinder Singh, DySP, JKAP 8th Battalion.

The tournament will continue with regular matches and is scheduled to culminate in the first week of November 2025. Notably, the competition is being organized for both boys and girls, with all officers and personnel of the Battalion contributing actively to ensure the success of this sporting event.

Ranji Trophy: J&K's pace trio sparkles; bundles out Rajasthan for 152 runs

Hosts 66/2 at stumps on day-1

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SRINAGAR: The sustained excellence and unflappable composure consistently demonstrated by Jammu & Kashmir's fast bowlers stands as convincing evidence of the region's burgeoning arsenal of pacers. These talented bowlers not only generate impressive speed but also extract sharp bounce from any surface, displaying the rare ability to move the ball both ways off the seam and through the air-a testament to their skill and versatility.

Electing to bowl first on a seamer-friendly surface, Jammu and Kashmir unleashed a quartet of fast bowlers who decimated Rajasthan's batting lineup, bundling them out for a modest 152 in the first innings of their Ranji Trophy encounter at the Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium today. The pace trio of Anqib Nabi, Yudhvir Singh, and Sunil Kumar ran riot from the outset, exploiting the conditions brilliantly and leaving the visitors struggling to find any rhythm at the crease.

Rajasthan, put into bat, failed to withstand J&K's relentless pace attack. Mahipal Lomror showed resilience with a composed 37 off 76 balls, while Kartik Sharma (32) and Deepak Chahar



(23) offered brief resistance. Apart from them, the batting order crumbled quickly as Sunil Kumar claimed four wickets for 32 runs, Anqib Nabi picked up three for 29, and Yudhvir Singh chipped in with two crucial scalps.

In response to Rajasthan's first-innings total, Jammu & Kashmir reached 66 for 2 in 24 overs at stumps on the opening day. The dependable Shubham Khajuria anchored the innings with an unbeaten 16 off 60 deliveries, displaying patience and composure on a challenging track. At the other end, the resilient skipper Paras Dogra held firm on 19 not out, guiding his side safely to the close of play.

Earlier, Qamran Iqbal (24) and Yawar Hassan (1) were the two wickets to fall, both dismissed after promising starts. For Rajasthan, Deepak Chahar and A.V. Choudhary shared the spoils with a wicket apiece, maintaining a disciplined bowling effort throughout the session.

Jammu & Kashmir still trail by 86 runs with eight wickets in hand, and the second day's play promises intriguing battles ahead as the hosts look to build a strong foundation against a probing Rajasthan attack.

Miran Sahib Zone wins opening tie in U-19 boys Cricket



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JAMMU: Miran Sahib Zone registered a four-wicket win against Zone Dansal in the opening match of the inter-zone district level under-19 boys cricket tournament of Jammu, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Parade Ground, here on Saturday. Earlier, batting first, after winning the toss, Dansal Zone made 102 runs losing all their wickets in 13.2 overs, which, in reply, Miran Sahib Zone

chased in 11.2 overs for six wickets making 106 runs. Ranjeet Kumar remained top scorer with 11-ball 18 runs while Vansh took five wickets from Miran Sahib. From Miran Sahib, Lovesh contributed highest 35 off 21 ball while added valuable nine-ball 20 runs. The technical panel in this event included Sandeepan Sharma, Satpal Singh, Jagtar Singh, Vikram Dogra, Satika Sharma, Rajesh Choudhary, Jatinder Singh, Ajay Koul and Madan Mohan.

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JAMMU: The two-day inter-zone district level school girls athletics meet, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), concluded on Saturday at University of Jammu Athletics arena, here.

Around 250 female athletes, drawn from all the education zones of district Jammu took part in the field and track events in under-14, under-17 and under-19 age groups, informed district (DYSS) officer Jammu and organising secretary of the event, Sukhdev Raj Sharma.

Now, these medal winners shall represent district Jammu in the upcoming inter-district competitions to be held in near future.

The technical panel for this two-day meet comprised Chamel Singh, Nirmal Singh, Sarabjeet Singh, Vijay Sharma, Harsimran Singh, Kailash Choudhary, Sukhdev Singh, Harvinder Singh, Reema Chetri, Anil



Gandhotra and Pawandeep Kour.

The Results: Under-14: 200 mts: Sumeeti Sharma, Zone Chowki Choura, 1st; Yashmita Thakur, Zone Jammu, silver and Trishna, Zone Marh, bronze. 600 mts: Sahiba Choudhary, Zone Dansal, gold; Smedhi Sharma, Zone Khour, silver and Arushi Sharma, Zone Chowki Choura, bronze. Long Jump: Shriya Bhagat, Zone Chowki Choura, gold;

Khushi, Zone Khour, silver and Damanpreet Kour, Zone Bishnah, bronze.

Under-17: 200 mts: Reetu Devi, Zone Khour, gold; Roshan Bibi, Zone RS Pura, silver and Reetika Devi, Zone Dansal, bronze. 800 mts: Nazia Begum, Zone Dansal, gold; Jasmine, Zone Bhalwal, silver and Neetu Devi, Zone Chowki Choura, bronze. Shot Put: Vertika Sharma, Zone Jammu,

gold; Zaib Un Nisa Mirza, Zone Miran Sahib, silver and Aditi Sharma, Zone Bhalwal, bronze. Long Jump: Prynika Sharma, Zone Akhnoor, gold; Khushi Bhagat, Zone Chowki Choura, silver and Jasmine, Zone Bhalwal, bronze. Javelin Throw: Ishita Sharma, Zone Akhnoor, gold; Anshu Devi, Zone Jourian, silver and Rafia Kousar, Zone Bhalwal, bronze.

Under-19: 200 mts: Shivani, Zone Jammu, gold; Laxmi Devi, Zone Bhalwal, silver and Ansali Devi, Zone Marh, bronze. 800 mts: Insha Choudhary, Zone Dansal, gold; Tasleema, Zone Jammu, silver and Hamaz Kour, Zone Bhalwal, bronze. Shot Put: Akshita Verma, Zone Satwari, gold; Pratiba Singh, Zone Jammu, silver and Shreya Raina, Zone Miran Sahib, bronze. Javelin Throw: Shreya Raina, Zone Miran Sahib, gold; Ritambara, Zone Jammu, silver and Jasdeer Kour, Zone Akhnoor, bronze.

Cultural exchange program held at Tiny Tots School with IIM students

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JAMMU: A significant cultural and educational exchange took place as Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School hosted a delegation of students from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the guidance of the Gandhi Global Family.

Six IIM Jammu students from different states of the country were given a comprehensive introduction to the rich tapestry of Dogri culture, history, and traditions by the enthusiastic staff and twenty participating students of Tiny Tots.

The program was structured to offer a holistic and authentic glimpse into the local way of life: The Tiny Tots students took the lead in the educational segment, teaching the IIM guests common Dogri phrases for interac-



IIM Jammu students with Tiny Tots School students and faculty.

tion. They also presented the rich history of Jammu, the significance of its lakes, and proudly highlighted the major temples of Jammu, underscoring its identity as the 'City of Temples.'

The spirit of the Dogra region was celebrated through fun games that focused on local heritage. Both IIM students and

staff and students of Tiny Tots HSS participated enthusiastically in traditional Dogri games like Santolia (Seven Stones/Lagori) and Shtapu (Hopscotch), fostering organic bonding and excitement.

The core of the exchange involved vibrant performances, with the Tiny Tots

students showcasing captivating Dogri dances and melodious folk songs.

The cultural journey concluded with a traditional meal featuring famous Dogri dishes, allowing the students to savor the authentic regional flavor. Additionally, the Tiny Tots team apprised the guests on traditional beverages and

feasts, including the festive Kashmiri chai and the traditional Wazwan feast.

Students from IIM Jammu gave a virtual audio-visual tour of IIM and spoke about their personal skills and how students should engage in every activity offered at various stages and how school days are the happiest days of a person life, "This unique collaboration exemplified the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' mission. IIM students stated that they were grateful to Tiny Tots School and the Gandhi Global Family for facilitating this truly enriching experience."

The event successfully strengthened community ties and promoted a deeper appreciation for the rich cultural legacy of the Jammu region among the future leaders of the country.

Jammu Cricket Champs defeats Ace Cricket Club, lifts trophy

Stay Fit 2-Diwali ODI Cup

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JAMMU: The Stay Fit 2-Diwali ODI Cup concluded with an exhilarating finale as Jammu Cricket Champs (JCC) clinched the title by defeating Ace Cricket Club (ACC) by 41 runs in a 40-over contest.

After opting to bat first, JCC posted a formidable total of 262/9 in 40 overs, powered by Zeeshan's fluent 70 and Rajat Sharma's unbeaten 53. For Ace CC, Vaibhav and Micky bowled impressively, taking three wickets each.

Chasing 263, Ace CC started strongly and reached 172/2 in 27 overs, but a dramatic collapse saw them bowled out for 221 in 36.3 overs. JCC's Ishfaq, Naresh, and Ashish each picked up three wickets to



Winner team receiving trophy.

seal the victory.

For ACC, Rohit Dhar topped with a fighting 83, while Ave Kachroo (40) and Micky (33) offered good support.

The post-match presentation ceremony was graced by President Vikrant Sharma, who congratulated both

teams for their spirited performances and felicitated the top performers of the tournament.

With this win, Jammu Cricket Champs lifted the Stay Fit 2 - Diwali ODI Cup, showcasing teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Satish discusses cricket infra in J&K with BCCI President

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Information Technology, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma and BCCI President, Mithun Manhas on Saturday held an extensive discussion on promotion and development of cricket infrastructure and associated activities across Jammu and Kashmir.

During the interaction, the Minister highlighted the Government's commitment to nurturing sporting talent and strengthening grassroots cricket across Union Territory. He emphasized the need for modern training facilities, youth engagement programs, and structured tournaments to identify and support emerging players. He also called for giving special



emphasis on Border areas as well as

remote and far flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister also discussed the possibilities of hosting inter-district and national-level tournaments, enhancing coaching support, and upgrading existing cricket infrastructure to meet national standards.

Satish Sharma reaffirmed the government's resolve to make Jammu and Kashmir a hub of sporting excellence, particularly in cricket, through collaborative efforts between Jammu and Kashmir administration and National sporting bodies.

Mithun Manhas appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the Jammu and Kashmir Government and assured full cooperation from BCCI in developing cricket at all levels in Jammu and Kashmir.

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JAMMU: A traditional Dangal (wrestling) competition was organized on Saturday at Village Chak Murar, Panchayat Chak Murar, under the supervision of the Village Committee headed by Bhagwan Dass, Ex-Sarpanch. The event was graced by EC Bhagat, Retired Deputy Commissioner, as the Chief Guest, while R.S Jamwal, SHO Bishnah, attended as the Guest of Honour.

The competition witnessed participation from renowned wrestlers of Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab, drawing a massive crowd of spectators from nearby villages. Several



F.C Bhagat, Retired Deputy Commissioner with wrestlers and other officials.

social and political personalities from the Panchayat and adjoining areas also attended the event.

Addressing the gathering, EC Bhagat highlighted that

Dangal in rural areas serves as more than a sport-it acts as a cultural institution promoting unity, preserving traditions, and encouraging youth development.

The event concluded amid great enthusiasm, with appreciation for the organizing committee's dedication to keeping the spirit of traditional sports alive.

Indian Style Wrestling trials on Nov 2

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JAMMU: Indian Style Wrestling Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold selection trials to pick up UT team for the upcoming 52nd Senior National Indian Style Wrestling Championship and 'Hind Kesari' title to be held from November 20 to 23 at Chhatrapati Shahu Stadium, district Satara in Maharashtra. The trials shall take place at Hanuman Akhara, Ashok Nagar, Jammu, adjoining Shamsan Ghat, Shastri Nagar, here on November two (Sunday) and the weigh in scheduled between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. The senior competition shall be held in seven weight categories of 55 kg, 60 kg, 65 kg, 70 kg, 75 kg, 80 kg and 85 kg. In Hind Kesari event, wrestlers, who fall in weight groups between plus 85 kg and 140 kg, are only eligible.

Interested wrestlers are advised to contact Shiv Kumar Sharma (94191-61880), Bansil Lal Tidal (94191-96103), Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri, 8713088888), Ram Paul Sharma (94191-28893) and Mulkh Raj Sharma (70511-30201) for further details.

Outstanding sportspersons of DPS meet LG

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday met the outstanding sportspersons of Delhi Public School (DPS) Srinagar at Raj Bhawan.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the students for their exceptional achievements in both national and international sports competitions. He also conveyed his best wishes for their upcoming games and future endeavours.



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha along with outstanding sportspersons of DPS Srinagar at Raj Bhawan.

The delegation of students includes Hurriyah Showkat, Samma and Mysha Bilal Kanth (Silver medalists at 3rd Junior Asian Pencak Silat

Championship), Zaid Ali (69th National School Games -Football), and winning team of Inter-DPS Football Tournament (Boys Open, Zone 1).

They were accompanied by Ms. Monisa Khurshed, Vice-Principal and Shri Mudasir Bashir, Sports Secretary, Delhi Public School Srinagar.

Mohinder of J&K part of Indian Kabaddi team for World Cup

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JAMMU: Mohinder Singh of Jammu and Kashmir has been made part of the Indian Women's Kabaddi team taking part in the World Cup in Dhaka, Bangladesh from November 15 to 25. Mohinder, who serves with Indian Army and presently posted at Jammu, has been appointed as Strength and Conditioning Coach of the prestigious event, informed sources in Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India said. To prepare and finalise the team, the 4th coaching camp is being organised at the SAI Gandhi Nagar from October 27 to November 13. Meanwhile, technical director of the Asian Kabaddi Federation and general secretary of J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association, Dr Kuldeep Gupta and president of J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association, Anil Gupta complimented Mohinder for the prestigious assignment and wished the entire team success.

