

Bhalla congratulates Umran Malik for selection in India A squad

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JAMMU: Senior Congress leaders including Former Ministers Raman Bhalla and Yogesh Sawhney on Saturday congratulated cricketer Umran Malik and his family for his selection in India A Squad for the upcoming South Africa Tour. They paid a visit to Umran Malik's residence in Jammu to congratulate the young pacer and convey their regards to his family.

During the visit, the leaders talked to Umran Malik and gave him their best wishes for a successful career.

The Congress leaders recalled all of his achievements that he has collected at such a young age and said he is steadily climbing the ladder of his professional career because of his hard work.

In April 2021, he was selected as one of three net bowlers for 2021 Indian Premier League and made his debut in this reputed



Senior Congress leaders Raman Bhalla and Yogesh Sawhney congratulating cricketer Umran Malik during visit to his residence in Jammu.

tournament. He emerged as a rising cricket star after his applaudable performance in the IPL where he clocked speeds in excess of 150kph. As a result of his fast-bowling, he was named as a net bowler for India's team for the 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Now, he has been named in India A squad for the tour of South Africa starting November 23.

"This is a great set of achievements for him starting out and there is lot more to come," said Sawhney. Bhalla lauded Malik's

achievement for making the cut into India's A Squad and wished him success for his rising cricketing career. He added that such talented sportspersons are the pride of the country.

Sawhney called it a proud moment for Jammu Kashmir and said "My heartiest congratulations to him and the whole family. This is a great achievement and a very fruitful result of the young man's sheer hardwork and talent. The blessings of the people are with him."

Speaking on sports and

sports talent, Bhalla and Sawhney further commented on the poor condition of sports infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir. They said that J&K has an immense pool of talent and it should be tapped into. Many more talented people like Umran will find their names to the top if a healthy sports environment is nurtured here. There is talent but no stadiums to practice, no proper equipments, no proper infrastructure. The government has taken no efforts in this sector.

Bhalla urged the BJP government to invest in sports infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir and so that such talent of the youth is promoted and encouraged.

The Congress leaders asked the family to ask for any help if needed and assured them of their support. They said that it is inspiring and commendable that the young man delivered in performance and emerged as a deserving player. It is a matter of great pride for Jammu that Malik will play for the Indian Team, the stated. They also wished Malik success in the South Africa tour. Umran Malik's family members thanked them for their congratulations and wishes and appreciated the visit.

Along with Raman Bhalla, Yogesh Sawhney, Kamal Singh, Rajesh Sharma, Jatinder Chib, Raj Kumar, Gagan Baral, Pappu and others were present for the visit.

52-member J&K UT team selected for National Bench Press C'ship



Selected team members posing for a photograph with ex-Dy CM Kavinder Gupta and other officials.

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JAMMU: A 52-member team of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory has been selected for National Bench Press Power Lifting Championship (Men & Women) Sub Junior, Junior, Senior & Master equipped & Classic to be held at Goa from November 17 to 20, 2021.

The former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta and District President BJP Vinay Gupta gave best wishes to the players for bringing laurels for J&K UT.

The officials of the Association namely Ajay Sharma General Secretary, Rahul Sawhney Senior Vice President and

Suresh Pal Executive Member also gave best wishes to the team.

The team was selected by All J&K UT Power Lifting Association on the basis of recently conducted J&K State Bench press Championship.

The team is accompanied by Ajay Sharma (National Referee), Adil Ashraf Khan as team coach respectively.

WOMEN: Ojasvi Kohli, Heena Naz, Sakshi Koul, Prasmi Gupta, Shivan Lango, Surbi Bhali, Riya Mahajan, Adila Shafi, Ritu Devi, Konika, Samreen Kour, Amita Devi and Tamana.

MEN: Kushwinder Singh, Sawan Kumar, Azim Aslam, Pankaj Chib,

Amandeep Bhasan, Jagbir Singh, Joginder, Parath Manhas, Surjit Singh, Anurag Magotra, Faizan Ahmed Minto, Vishal Kumar, Harshul Sharma, Gourav Sharma, Shoy Gupta, Narinder Pal Singh, Umesh Raina, Vishal Sudan, Abubakar, Owaish Choudhary, Shalinder Singh, Younis Anshari, Mehul Verma, Akshay Kumar, Shabab Alam, Anshul Sharma, Haroon Choudhary, Om Dutt, Vikramdeep, Satayjeet, Udhayveer Singh, Vishawjeet Singh, Vickramjeet Singh, Aditya Sharma, Udhayveer, Rishav Sharaf, Sahil Ansari, Akash Dutt and Manpreet Singh.

Open Carrom C'ship from Nov 27

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Carrom Association shall be holding two-day Open Carrom Championship at Institute of Hotel Management, Raj Bagh Srinagar from November 27.

As per a handout, issued here today, the competition shall be held in Junior and Senior age groups of men and women.

Those interested players from clubs and district units have been advised by the Association to submit the entries via email: jkcarrom@gmail.com on or before November 25.

For more information, players can contact Secretary, Arif Sultan Khan (9906767529) or general secretary, Adil Shah (9070000093), the handout added.

5th J&K UT Soft Tennis Championship concludes

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SRINAGAR: The 5th JKUT Soft Tennis Championship organized by J&K Amateur Soft Tennis Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council concluded here on Saturday at Gindun stadium, Rajbagh.

Over 200 young players from different districts of both Jammu and Kashmir divisions participated in Sub-Junior (Boys & Girls), Junior (Boys & Girls) and Senior (Men & Women).

In Senior Women singles category Sidhani Singh won the gold medal while Ishrat aulam and Asmat Fayaz clinched silver and bronze medals respectively.

In Senior boys single category, Chirag Dogra bagged gold medal, Mohzim won the silver and Ubaid Ullah and Mudasir Ahmad Nahjar won the bronze medal.

In Senior Mixed Doubles category, Sidhani Singh and Indu Bhushan Padha won



Police officer presenting medal to a winner.

gold from jammu division.

In Junior boys category, Soham Bhat clinched the gold medal, Shakir Gulzar got the silver while Label Bin Zaffer and Mohammad Barkat bagged the bronze medal.

In Sub Junior boys Shulin koul won the gold medal, Hardeep Singh got the silver while Madhavendra Singh and Arsh Abbas clinched the bronze medal.

In Sub Junior boys doubles

category, Madhavendra Singh and Shulin Koul won the gold medal while Imad and Arsh Abbas clinched the silver meda & Zaycem Masoodi and Hakeem Daffiq and Mohammad Daniyaal & Tafazul Nazir.

In Sub junior girls, Shreemai got the gold medal while Muntaha Aijaz and Eiqan Shabir were awarded with silver and bronze medal respectively.

All the officer bearers of the J&K Amateur Soft Tennis Association and all

the district president/ Secretaries of all the districts were also present.

SSP Javid Koul was the Chief Guest on the valedictory ceremony while Manager, Gindun stadium Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar was the Guest of Honour.

The tournament was conducted under the supervision of General Secretary JK Amateur Soft Tennis Association, Dr. Ghulam Hassan. Dr. Hassan expressed gratitude to all the officers, officials and media persons for their contribution towards grand success of this mega sports event. On the occasion, the Association also handed over soft tennis equipments to the budding sportspersons of various districts who evinced keen interest in this game.

Later, the chief guest distributed prizes among the winner and runner up players and encouraged them for further upgrading their sports skill in this potential game.

NIFF Youth Football League begins



A football match in progress at Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: The National and International Footballers Forum (NIFF) Youth Football League 2021 kick started on Saturday at Synthetic Turf Football Stadium Ground TRC Srinagar with opening day witnessed two matches.

In the first match of the day, J&K Bank Academy defeated Kupwara FA 2-0. Yawar and Shiekh Salman scored a goal each for the

winning side. In another scheduled match, Sports Council Football Academy trounced Langate Handwara FA 5-1. Waris, Ubaid and Farhan were the scorers from Sports Council Academy while the only goals scored by Langate came through Faizan. Ubaid Bhat of Sports Council Academy adjudged player of the match.

Earlier, the event was declared open by

Proprietor New JK Roadways, Maqbool Ahmed, who expressed satisfaction over first of its kind youth league. He was accompanied by other special guests.

Chairman NIFF, Bashir A Malik, Advisor NIFF Abdul Hamid Bandy, Former National footballer Nazir Andrabi, International coach Sajid Dar, AFC Pro License Coach Hilal Rasool, international footballer Aslam Parvez, AFC A License Coach Manzoor Ahmad and AFC B license Coach Ajaz Ahmad Bhat.

The event is being organised in collaboration with J&K Sports Council and sponsored by New J&K Roadways and supported by Kashmir Monitor, JK Stories, Color Curve and Frisk Film Production as broadcasters of the League.

HSS Sheesh Mehal, Manjit Club win in Volleyball tourney



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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POONCH: Sadhbhava Volleyball Tournament, sponsored by the Indian Army and organised by J&K Sports Council continued to attract a big crowd at Government Higher Secondary School Jhulass, here.

In total, eight teams in boys section and four in

girl section are taking part in this competition which is being held under the overall supervision of Manager Sports Stadium Poonch, Nirdosh Kumar and assisted by Ramp Parkash.

As per the reports reaching here, on the fourth day of the competition, HSS Sheesh Mehal

defeated HSS Jhulass in straight sets while in boys category, Shaheed DySP Manjeet Singh Club trounced Jhulass Club 2-0.

In today's matches, Principal of HSS Jhulass, Raiz Ahmed Mir was special guest, who interacted with the participating teams.

GDC Kathua wins Inter-collegiate Cross Country Trophy



GDC Kathua faculty felicitating winner team of the college.

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KATHUA: Principal Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua, Prof. (Dr.) M S Pathania felicitated the volleyball players for winning District Volleyball championship held at Hiranagar and the Athletes of GDC Kathua who fetched Cross Country (women) trophy by securing second and third position for silver

and bronze medals in recently held inter-collegiate sports competitions at University of Jammu, Jammu.

He also appreciated the efforts of Dr. J S Soodan (Physical Director, GDC Kathua) for preparing the athletes to win in the tough conditions.

Almost 90 colleges affiliated to Jammu University have participated in this

competition, where GDC Kathua have won silver and bronze medals.

Among the winners Palavi Thakur secured 2nd position, whereas, Mamta Sharma secured 3rd Position in 5KM cross country run.

More over in Mens category, the boys reached to 4th and 5th positions in tough competition of 10KM Cross Country Run.

Among the faculty members, who appreciated the elite athletes of GDC Kathua by their benign presence were Prof. Raj Kiran (Convenor Sports Board), Prof. Jaswinder Singh, Prof. Rakesh Singh Jasrotia, Dr. Kailash Sharma, Dr. Surya Pratap, Dr. Rachna, Dr. Amrigh Singh, Roshan Lal (Physical Director, GCW Kathua), Prof. Kaurab Singh.

GDC Reasi felicitates Fencers



GDC Reasi faculty posing with winner Fencers during felicitation function.

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REASI: Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, Reasi on Saturday felicitated the fencing teams for excelling in the just held inter-college competitions which were organised by the Directorate of Sports, University of Jammu (JU) on the main Jammu campus.

All the fencers were personally greeted by the Principal, Dr. Chandher Shekhar on the college campus. The Reasi College lifted overall

championship trophies in both Men and Women sections securing seven gold, three silver and six bronze medals in different events of Foil, Epee and Sabre.

Furthermore, a good number of college fencers have been selected for the upcoming All India Inter-University Fencing Tournament to be organised by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar in January. Selected fencers are Parvinder Sharma, Gourav Thakur, Parshnat Chib, Harsh Singh, Riya Manhas, Anshika Bandral

and Vanshika Bandral.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal appreciated the efforts of Prof. Ajay Kumar, who is himself a senior national medalist in Fencing for imparting training among the college fencers for last four years.

Others present included Prof. Anchal Raj (convenor, College Sports Committee), Dr. Prem Singh (HOD Political Science), Prof. Sunil Magotra (NCC Officer), Rakesh Kumar (PTI) and Prof. Bishan Dass.

Unisex Saloon launched at JTGC Sidhra



JTGC Management in presence of members and Secretary, Manav Gupta, launching Unisex Saloon in the Club.

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JAMMU: Jammu Tawi Golf Course Management in the presence of dignified members and Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC), Manav Gupta, launched

Unisex Saloon in the Club premises.

Saloon facility will render services like Manicure, Pedicure and

Foot Massage besides regular Salon services and Hair & Beauty Treatments for the members of the Club.

Jammu Tawi Golf Course has over 800 members both from Government and Non-Government Category.

Club house at JTGC offers other services like world class gymnasium, steam-sauna and Panchkarma Wellness Centre for Ayurvedic therapies. In addition, Club house also caters to Cafeteria, Restaurant, Bar and Kitty Hall services for its members.

Women Cell of KC College of Education organises online lecture

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JAMMU: Women Cell of KC College of Education on Saturday organized an online lecture for Semester-IV students.

Namrata Khajuria, the centre administrator of 'Sakhi', One Stop Centre was the resource person on the occasion.

She discussed the problem of Domestic Violence. She expressed her views on the topic and aware the girls how to tackle the problem.

She told them about their

rights and duties and how this Sakhi centre can help them in case they are facing such a problem in their homes. The queries of the students were properly responded by resource person.

Principal of the College, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo thanks the resource person and also appreciated the students for participating in this programme.

The whole programme was convened by Ruchi Charak, Convener Women Cell of the college.

Sr Women's One Day Trophy Despite loss to formidable Delhi, J&K eves win hearts

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BANGALORE: Jammu and Kashmir eves fought like champions and despite a narrow loss to strong Delhi won hearts by displaying a fabulous show in a rain-hit shortened pre-quarterfinal match of 30 overs in the ongoing Senior Womens One Day Trophy at Alure Cricket Stadium, here.

With this win, Delhi sealed berth in the quarterfinals, while J&K's magnificent campaign ended in this BCCI's prestigious tournament.

Earlier, after a delayed start due to inclement weather conditions, J&K lost a vital toss and were put into bat by Delhi skipper, Babita Negi in wet and gloomy weather conditions.

Win of crucial toss paid off for Delhi as their speedster and former International cricketer, Soni Yadav took two important wickets of J&K-opener Rudrakshi Chib and number three batter, Rubia Syed in very first over of the innings, without scoring.

However, with brief but good contributions by Sarla Devi, Nadia Chowdhary, Bushra Ashraf and Bismah Hassan, J&K managed to score 85 runs in stipulated 30 overs, losing 8 wickets in the process. Sarla top scored with 18 runs, while Nadia, Bushra

and Bismah contributed 15, 13 and 12 runs respectively.

Rifat Chowdhary and Ananaya Sharma also chipped in with 7 and 5 runs respectively. For Delhi, Soni Yadav and Ayushi Soni took 2 wickets each, while Simran Dil Bahadur, Babita Negi and Parunika Sisodia claimed 1 wicket each.

In reply, Delhi were made to fight hard to achieve the required target as J&K medium pacers hit the good areas besides purchasing bounce from the wicket, while spinners spun web around the rival batsmen.

Delhi reached the target in 26th over by losing 2 wickets, thus won the match by 8 wickets. Former India cricketer Priya Punia top scored with unbeaten 46 runs, while Pratika contributed valuable 23 runs. India-A player Ayushi Soni also contributed unbeaten 12 runs to the total. Both Priya and Pratika, who had scored mammoth 161 on the other day in this tournament, were dropped early in their innings. For J&K, Sarla Devi and Nadia Chowdhary shared 1 wicket each.

It may be recalled that it was for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association that any women team had made it to the knockout stage.