

48th Junior National Volleyball Championship

Haryana boys to face Rajasthan, Bengal girls to meet Rajasthan in finals today



Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul interacting with players, a Volleyball match in progress and dignitaries posing with team during 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Haryana to face Rajasthan in boys section while Bengal will meet Rajasthan in girls section finals of the week-long 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship, organized by Volleyball Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the aus-

pices of Volleyball Federation of India at MS Stadium, here tomorrow from 9.30 AM onwards. Earlier on day 5, Haryana defeated J&K by 3-0 (25-23, 25-18 & 25-18) in first semifinal while Rajasthan outplayed Tamil Nadu by 3-1 (25-17, 25-22, 20-25, 25-19) in second semifinal in boys section.

In girls section semifinals, West Bengal trounced Haryana by 3-1 (25-27, 25-12, 25-16, 25-20) and Rajasthan beat Tamil Nadu by 3-2 (25-21, 25-27, 25-17, 21-25, 15-08). After losing a well contested game from Haryana, J&K boys team will contest for the third place match against

Tamil Nadu team whereas Haryana to face Tamil Nadu in girls section tomorrow. In today's matches, Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council, Pankaj Kumar Sharma Excise Commissioner J&K and Vijaypal Singh Chairman Control Committee of the Championship were the main dignitaries. Amongst

dignitaries VFI/VAJK Officials also grace the event.

Today's Results: Quarter-Finals BOYS: J&K beat Telangana 3-1 (32-34, 25-20, 25-13, 25-17); Haryana beat Gujarat 3-0 (25-21, 25-24, 25-18); Tamil Nadu beat Delhi 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 26-24); and Rajasthan beat Uttar

Pradesh 3-0 (26-24, 26-24, 25-22)

GIRLS: West Bengal beat Telangana 3-0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-17); Haryana beat Gujarat 3-0 (25-15, 25-16, 25-18); Rajasthan beat Andhra Pradesh 3-0 (25-15, 25-16, 25-18); and Tamil Nadu beat Uttar Pradesh 3-0 (25-08, 25-19, 25-14).

Suryansh, Rohit replace injured Samad, Shahrukh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Promising opening batter Suryansh Raina and lanky Speedster Rohit Sharma have replaced injured explosive batter Abdul Samad and Speedster Shahrukh Dar in the remaining matches of the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Suryansh has replaced Samad, while Shahrukh has made way for Rohit.

According to reliable sources, Shahrukh has suffered shoulder injury, while Samad has a ligament tear.

Samad has been in sublime form throughout the season, while Shahrukh was also performing reasonably well for the team.

"#Vijay Hazare Trophy 2022 Suryansh Raina and Rohit Sharma to replace injured Abdul Samad and Sharukh Dar: Wish speedy recovery to injured players and happy hunting to their replacements. #JKCA," tweeted Brig



Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA.

It is pertinent to mention here that J&K has won three out of the four matches played in the tournament so far. J&K has registered victories over mighty Madhya Pradesh, minnows Nagaland and formidable Baroda, while it has suffered loss against strong Punjab.

J&K faces Odisha and Utrakhand in the next two outings respectively.

Shooting contingent leaves for Nationals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A big contingent of 53 shooters from Jammu and Kashmir on Friday left for participation in the 65th National Shooting Championship slated to be held at twin venues of MP State Shooting Academy Shooting Ranges, Goregaon, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh and Vattiyoorkavu Shooting Range, Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala.

Both the competitions shall be held simultaneously from November 20 to December 9, a handout issued by the Association here on Friday



Shooting team posing with dignitaries before leaving for nationals.

informed.

Earlier, during the day, officials of the J&K Sports Council

(JKSC) conducted screening of the teams in the presence of office bearers of the J&K Rifle

Association.

The competition shall be held in six different events of

25 mtrs Rapid Fire Pistol; 25 mtrs Centre Fire Pistol; 25 mtrs Standard Pistol; 10 mtrs Air Pistol; 50 Mtrs Rifle Prone and 10 Mtrs Air Rifle.

The contingent is accompanied by Rajesh Virdhy as Manager cum Coach while Vishal Sharma, Naval Tiwari and Jujhar Singh shall be part of the assisting staff, the handout added.

Ravdeep Kour awarded Ph.D

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ravdeep Kour, daughter of Kuldeep Singh and Bhajan Kour; resident of Bikram Nagar, Karan Bhag, Jammu has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Mathematics by the University of Jammu. She worked on the topic "Some classes of Vector Variational Quasi-Variational Inequalities" under the supervision of Dr Tirth Ram.



Prof Samanta delivers motivational lecture at JU



MP Lok Sabha, Prof Achyuta Samanta speaking at a programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu (JU) organized a Motivational Lecture 'Towards a better Society' by Prof Achyuta Samanta, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Educationist, Philanthropist, Founder, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) for students and scholars of university.

Prof. Rajni Kant, Dean Research Studies, JU presided over the function.

In his address, Prof. Samanta compassionately underlined that one must be good to oneself and start valuing his/her own self, then only one can be in a better position to contribute to the best of abilities.

He further added that it is equally important that we should focus on self-acceptance. He further said that his life is a classic example which again emphasizes that a person with a humble background but a missionary zeal to acquire an education can reach to the pinnacle of success.

He has been working relentlessly for Zero Poverty, Zero

Hunger and Zero Illiteracy. He is the founder of the Art of Giving concept, which he has launched officially in 30 countries and in more than 210 places in India. For him, education is the key to self-liberation and higher enlightenment. In his remarks, Prof. Rajni Kant, endorsing the thoughts of Prof. Samanta, emphasized that education empowers, enables and enlightens us, thus creating a better society and we all should work for it. He urged young minds to kindle the thrust for consistent learning and use it for the betterment of society.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare expressed gladness over having such a dynamic personality to address and inspire the youth of Jammu.

Prof. Vishav Raksha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, while introducing the speaker said that Prof Achyuta is a visionary, an iconic educationist, an epitome of humanism and an inspirational speaker who has devoted his life to the marginalized.

The events of DSW are conceived, planned and organised by the team consisting of Prof. Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof. Vishav Raksha (Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Sanjana Kaul (Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Dr. Anil Gupta (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Garima Gupta and Dr. Pritam Singh (Assistant Deans, SW), Dr. A.R. Manhas & Dr. Shalini Sharma (Deputy Proctors), members of Campus Cultural Committee, Mansi Mantoo (Media Officer), Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor) and Ifra Kak (Cultural Officer).

Randhawa inspects ongoing tile work, assures people of redressing issues in phased manner

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa on Friday inspected the ongoing tile work at Ajit Nagar area of Gadigarh in RS Pura-Jammu South Assembly segment.

Randhawa was accompanied by officials of Public Works Department, Vijay Sharma Mandal President Gadigarh, Naresh Sharma, Paras Ram, Balbir Singh, Anil Sharma, Inder Khajuria and Gurpal Singh.

Randhawa said that the ongoing tile work is being carried out by PWD.

He said that the present



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa during visit to Ajit Nagar in Jammu.

development work is being executed on the demand of local people as they were facing difficulty in day-to-day movement. He assured the people that all their demands would be redressed in a phased manner. He said that various developmental works

are in progress and development will be brought at the doorsteps of the people.

Randhawa requested the locals to lend a hand in monitoring the quality of the work presently going on.

People present on the occasion expressed their grati-

tude to the Randhawa for ensuring early redressal to their genuine demand.

Jammu Gymnastics meet today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Organised by the Gymnastics Association of Jammu and Kashmir; the two-day Jammu District Gymnastics Championships shall be held at New Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here tomorrow.

The competition shall be held in Artistic (Boys and Girls), Rhythmic Gymnastics (Girls) and Aerobic Gymnastics (Boys and Girls) events.

Tourism Directorate organises series of paragliding trials across Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in collaboration with Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering, (IISM) Gulmarg, organized a series of paragliding trials across Jammu Division from 14th November to 18th November, 2022.

The paragliding trials were conducted at Aithem, Dhanwa Saloon, Mokhri, Bhaderwah, Patnitop, Kishtwar and Sanasar.

The endeavor was the first of its kind towards organizing paragliding pilot courses in the Jammu region. The team was sent by the Department of Tourism J&K to explore the best paragliding sites suitable for providing P3 and P4 training courses to local youth of J&K.

Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism, Jammu on Friday

briefed the media that the trial runs at Aithem, Dhanwa Saloon, Bhaderwah, Patnitop etc. were successful and soon the people of Jammu Division would see gliders flying in the sky.

"However, the teams of professional pilots have suggested remedial measures at some sites which shall be taken care of by the Department. The said trials are also important with respect to ensuring safety of the Adventure Enthusiasts" he added.

Joint Director Tourism, Sunaina Mehta, said that even after conducting successful paragliding trials at these locations, the full potential of Paragliding has not been harnessed in the Jammu region due to lack of skilled manpower as mandated by Adventure Tourism Guidelines. "Although this novel dimension of adventure tourism has been explored, constructive steps need to be taken to make this activity more secure as mandated by the Government," she added. It will be a scintillating and life time experience for the tourists, especially the adventure enthusiasts to fly in the Jammu skies while exploring and enjoying various offbeat destinations here, she maintained further.

The Department of Tourism J&K shall shortly organize professional (P1, P2, & P3) courses for local youth in the month of December to develop the Region as Adventure Hub for tourists and to generate livelihood as well as employment in the Tourism Sector. The P3 trained professionals shall thereafter be given license for P4, subject to certain conditions which include minimum stipulated flying hours. This unique venture by the Department shall open a new chapter of adventure tourism with special focus on paragliding in Jammu region. The courses shall be sponsored by the Department as part of the capacity building measures for making adventure tourism a sustainable activity.

