

U-23 Men's State-A Trophy

# Clinical J&K outplays Baroda by 28 runs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANGALORE: Superb batting display by Musaif Ajaz and Archit Mahajan and brilliant bowling show by almost all the bowlers led by seamer Archit Mahajan guided clinical Jammu and Kashmir to an emphatic 28-run victory over Baroda in a tough contest at Kini Sports Arena Ground here on Friday.

Batting first, J&K scored a modest total of 196 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process.

Musaif Ajaz showed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up a brilliant half-century, scoring 65 runs off 90 balls, studded with 3 fours and 3 sixes, while Archit Mahajan contributed unbeaten 45 runs off 42 balls with 6 fours and one six. Skipper Shivansh Sharma (30), Yawwer Hassan (19) and in form Junaid Qazi (13) also contributed to the team's total.



Winner J&K team in jubilant mood after winning match on Friday.

Musaif and Archit, in particular, were in sublime touch and their knocks were the amalgam of solidity, sublimity, explosiveness and elegance.

For Baroda, Lakshit took 2 wickets, while Malhar Grehvaria, Harsh Desai, MR Solanki and Jadav Rajvirsinh claimed one wicket each.

In reply, J&K bowlers bowled with the disciplined

line and length, hitting the right areas, restricting the opposition to a meagre total of 168 runs, thus helping J&K to win by 28 runs.

Dangerous looking Jadav Rajvirsinh played a magnificent innings of 51 runs off 70 balls, studded with 6 delectable boundaries, while Harsh Desai, Dhruv Patel and Jaipal Chad contributed 33, 25 and 18 runs to the total respectively.

Losing their 8th wicket at 118 runs, the duo of Rajvirsinh and Jaypal made a partnership of 46 runs and took the score to 164 runs before the latter's dismissal.

For J&K, right-arm medium pacer, Archit Mahajan was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 important wickets by conceding 22 runs in 8.5 overs, while left-arm spinner Vishal Kumar and left-arm Speedster Basit

GDC Khour, PG Law & Science JU win in JU cricket

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: GDC Khour and PG Law & Science JU registered wins in the ongoing Inter Collegiate Cricket (Men) Tournament 2023-24, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, at the University Cricket Ground, here on Friday.

In today's matches, GDC Khour beat GDC MBS College by eight wickets and PG. Law & Science JU beat GCET Jammu by eight wickets.

Today's matches were conducted under the supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU.

The matches were officiated by Raj Kumar Bakshi, Vijay Singh, Baber Trak and Sajid Khan.

# GDC Vijaypur students shine in inter-college sports competition

Win 2 gold, 3 silver medals



GDC Vijaypur faculty members felicitating winner students.

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SAMBA: The students of Government Degree College (GDC) Vijaypur brought laurels by bagging five medals including two gold medals and three silver medals in inter-college sports competition organized by University of Jammu. The College won the medals in the kick-boxing championship/tournament. Overall in all the sports championships GDC Vijaypur clinched second best rank in inter-College Sports Meet. Vivek Rai of semester V bagged Gold medal in 63kg weight category; Aditiya Rai of semester V bagged Gold medal in 64kg weight category; Parul Singh Naranaria of semester V won Silver medal in 66kg weight category; Akash Sharma

of semester V won Silver medal in 57kg weight category; Vansh Sharma of semester V won Silver medal in 50kg weight category. Kavya Charak of semester V and Rupaank Aryan of semester III won first position each in Painting Competition and Essay Writing Competition in Divisional Level Competition organized by GCW Parade, Jammu on the eve of JK-UT Foundation Day 2023.

Principal of the College, Dr. Vandana Gupta on Friday congratulated all the members of Sports committee, Cultural Committee and other staff members of the college and all the participants who brought medals and positions to the college.

# J&K Kalarippayattu team leaves for 37th National Games 2023



Kalarippayattu team posing with officials before leaving for National Games.

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JAMMU: 12-member Kalarippayattu team including two Coaches and ten players from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir left to participate in 37th National Games. The

Kalarippayattu competition is scheduled to take place in the vibrant city of Panjim, Goa, from November 7 to 8, 2023.

Prior to their departure, the players had an interactive session with CA Lalit K Gupta, the President of the

Kalarippayattu Association of Jammu and Kashmir at Kotli Bhawan Hall, Rehari, here.

The selected players who will be representing Jammu and Kashmir with unwavering determination include Koushal Garg, Tarun Gupta, Tajamul Ahmed Khan, Prince Aaqib, Danish Ali Bhat, Zamid Riyaz, Saksham Langleh, Rishika Sharma, Dua Mukhtar, and Aarizoo Mushtaq.

Their rigorous training and preparation for this momentous occasion have been under the expert guidance of coaches Tarsem Sharma and Danish Sharma.

The J&K Kalarippayattu officials wished them the very best of luck in their quest for victory and excellence.

# Shivani Charak leaves to Delhi to hone skill on international climbing

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To secure a place for the Paris Olympics-2024, Shivani Charak of J&K, a top ranked sport climber of India, who brought laurels to our UT by becoming the first female athlete of J&K to compete in the Asian Games (19th Asian Games, Hangzhou, China) during the last 75 years, shall compete in the Asian Qualifier at Indonesia, in which four Olympic Quota places in Sport Climbing shall be up for grabs for the Paris Olympics-2024.

To prepare herself for performing to her full potential



Climber Shivani Charak posing with MAJK members.

in the Asian Qualifier to be held at Indonesia from 9th to 12th November, 2023, Shivani Charak left today for Delhi to hone her skill

and stamina on international standard climbing walls.

Since Indian Mountaineering Foundation, the apex body

for sport climbing in the country, is not sponsoring any climber for the event Mountaineering Association of J&K has decided to manage sponsorship of its our own climber Shivani Charak, the pride of J&K, for the Olympic Qualifying event so as to give her an opportunity to prove her mettle at the global level.

It is pertinent to mention here that it is exclusively a testament to her dedication, grit, hard work and will power that Shivani could rise to the global level despite lack of proper climbing infrastructure in

our Union Territory.

Meanwhile, before her departure for Delhi Shivani Charak called upon the General Secretary of Mountaineering Association of J&K Shavetiea Khajuria who assured her all possible help regarding her preparation for the international competitions.

Principal Apple Kids International Pre School, Bantalab Arti Sharma and Seema Sharma, Director of Sprawling Buds ICSC School were also present on the occasion. All of them wished good luck to Shivani for success at the Olympic Qualifying event.

# NZ Inter-University Basketball (Men) Tournament JU beats Gurukul Kangre University in opening match



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The University of Jammu (JU) Basketball (M) team won their first match in the ongoing North Zone Inter-University Basketball (M)Tournament 2023-24 organized by Amity University, Gurgaon. In the first match, Jammu University team beat Gurukul Kangre University by 82-67 points. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Sports & Physical Education, JU lauded the efforts of the team congratulated the players of Jammu University team for showing tremendous performance and wished the university team to give their best performance in the next match.

# Shiksha Niketan School conducts SEAS Exam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, on Friday conducted State Educational Achievement Survey (SEAS) Exam 2023. This exam was conducted by the team members of SEAS as well as teachers of the Shiksha Niketan School.

This exam is especially framed for the students of standard 3rd, 6th and 9th.

The motive of conducting this exam is to boost the confidence level as well as the competitive skill of the students.

This Exam is conducted on the National Level in order to



collect data or survey regarding the comprehensive skill of the students and to evaluate the understanding level of the Students for conducting "Board Level Exams" or "Board Exams" for the students in near future.

Rameshwar

(Principal of Shiksha Niketan) also gave his views regarding this exam to the SEAS Team and. He also encouraged the students to participate in such exams in order to boost the confidence and competitive skill of the students.

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# NAUP calls for immediate action to support Daily Wage workers this Diwali

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Awami United Party (NAUP), President Sandeep Singh Manhas, has highlighted the pressing issue of daily wage workers in Jammu who are eagerly awaiting permanent employment and fair salaries.

These workers are employed in various government departments such as PHE, SPO, Home Guard, and others, working tirelessly around the clock.

They have been waiting for permanent employment, and many of them continue to live in uncertainty, while some have even passed away without seeing their dreams fulfilled.

Manhas emphasized the essential role that these daily wage workers play in providing basic necessities like water, safety, and security for the entire nation. He urged everyone

to recognize their valuable contributions and the hardships they face on a daily basis.

NAUP is committed to supporting these daily wage workers in their quest for permanent employment and has called upon LG Manoj Sinha to take effective action to address this issue promptly.

They see the granting of permanent employment to these workers as a meaningful and heartfelt Diwali gift to them.

The NAUP has also expressed its intent to organize a significant protest if the issue remains unresolved, showing their determination to stand with these essential workers. He has challenged the LG administration to take decisive action in support of these workers, as they play a vital role in serving the nation, just like other government services.

# Directorate of Tourism Jammu unveils exciting adventure tourism opportunities

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in a press conference here on Friday, unveiled a plethora of adventure tourism opportunities in the Jammu region.

Vivekanand Rai, Director of Tourism Jammu, while talking to reporters, emphasized the region's vast potential as a hub for adventure tourism, offering an exciting array of activities aimed at captivating tourists, especially the youth.

He further added that, the Tourism Department has been proactively working to enrich adventure tourism offerings.

Extensive consultations with experts have resulted in a com-

prehensive feasibility report, with a focus on expanding adventure activities with minimal investment, he said adding that these endeavours are geared towards creating employment opportunities and engaging the youth in the thriving tourism sector.

Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director of Tourism, shared that the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, in collaboration with the Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association (IKCA) and Jammu Adventure Sports Association (JASA), has conducted water surveys across all districts of Jammu Division.

These surveys have yielded



Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai talking to reporters.

valuable recommendations, pinpointing specific locations for activities like paragliding at Aitham, Dhanwa and Billo ki Paudi, Mokhri and water based activities in Locations like Jammu (Kattal - Battal)

offer activities such as Shikara rides, flatwater rafting, kayaking, and more, she said.

She added Sinsarar and Mansar Lake (Samba) opportunities for flat water kayaking, family rafting, paddle boat

rides, and stand-up paddle-board rentals.

Doda (Prem Nagar-Doda) offers commercial white water rafting tours, white water kayaking, canoe slalom development, and stand-up paddle-board tours, she said adding that the Bhagliar Dam backwaters in Ramban present the chance to engage in canoe sprint, flatwater kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, jet boat tours, and in the serene surroundings of Pathwal, you can indulge in peaceful paddle boating and the delightful experience of water zorbing.

Meanwhile, Shiv Mandir - Karara/Kundal provides heart-pounding adventures

with commercial white water rafting, kayaking, and extreme kayak events. For a more tranquil experience, Sanasar Lake beckons with serene Shikara rides, water zorbing, and paddle boating, she said.

In Reasi (Chenab), adventurous spirits can engage in rafting, canoeing, and more. Baradari and Serli Pond (Katra) offers a peaceful spot for paddle boating and water rafting while Udhampur (Dalsar Lake) allows for serene paddle boating and water zorbing.

In Poonch(From Buffiaz town to Poonch)seek an adrenaline rush with thrilling rafting, kayaking, and paddle board-

ing adventures, while the Rajouri region (Tawi from Rajouri to Hidayatpura) boasts exciting rafting, kayaking, and paddle boarding in the running water

Mehta further added that reconnaissance activities have been completed for hosting international paragliders on a FAM tour and paragliding event in Jammu. These paragliders will provide recommendations after their trials. Additionally, the introduction of paddle boating at Gatha has received a positive response.

The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, plans to conduct a Paragliding Professional

Training Course in Arunachal Pradesh, and 38 new trekking routes have been identified to enhance adventure tourism offerings in the region.

The press conference also saw the presence of Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director of Tourism (P&A), and Sugandi Banotra, AD Tourism Jammu.

The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, is fully committed to expanding adventure tourism offerings to cater to the diverse interests of visitors. The department will soon invite expressions of interest from trekking experts to further enrich the adventure tourism experience.