

Functioning of Animal, Sheep Husbandry departments in Jammu division reviewed

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JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production, Shailendra Kumar, on Friday had a comprehensive review of functioning of Animal and Sheep Husbandry departments in Jammu division.

The Principal Secretary assessed progress on major schemes/programmes of both the departments during a meeting held at Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The meeting was attended by senior officers from the Agriculture Production Department including Director HADP/JKCIIP, J&K, Rahul Yadav, Director Planning, Hemkant Parashar; Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, Dr. Waheeda Parveen, Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu, Dr. Syed Moin-Ul-Haq, the district officers of Animal/Sheep Husbandry of Jammu division as well as the technical Officers of the



Principal Secretary Agriculture Production, Shailendra Kumar chairing a meeting.

department (ASH&F and HADP).

During the meeting, the Principal Secretary reviewed the physical and financial progress on several important schemes including the UT flagship Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) besides Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) such as Rashtriya Gokul Mission, National Livestock Mission, Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD), status of Mobile

Veterinary Units (MVUs). He laid focus on expediting the implementation of these schemes by ensuring timely fund allocation as well as to address challenges in the effective implementation of these schemes.

The Principal Secretary underscored the importance of timely achieving the set targets. He asked the officers to sanction the pending applications under the different components of all HADP projects at the earliest. He further asked the

officers to duly submit all the credit linked subsidy cases of beneficiaries lying in banks to be taken up during forthcoming meeting in this regard for their prompt disposal.

The Principal Secretary emphasized on maximizing the utilisation of opportunities and financial assistances available under several entrepreneurship development initiatives/schemes for betterment of farming community. He encouraged lesser performing districts to

enhance their efforts so that the set targets are achieved successfully in the remaining period of this financial year.

The Principal Secretary also reviewed the flagship scheme NADCP. He asked the officers to boost up vaccinations with an aim to achieve control and subsequent eradication of serious diseases affecting cattle, buffaloes, sheep and goats through regular vaccinations.

The Principal Secretary was also apprised of the status of import of elite livestock from Australia and Canada to give boost to breed improvement in local cattle/buffalo and sheep for improving the productivity.

During the review of infrastructure of the offices, the Principal Secretary passed the directions to submit the requirement related to equipping the offices upto block levels with computers, printers and internet facility at the earliest.

GGM Science College wins Handball (men) inter-college trophy 2024-2025



Dr. (Prof.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal GGM Science College felicitating winner team.

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JAMMU: GGM Science College remained winner in the Handball (Men) Inter-College tournament organised by Cluster University of Jammu at GCW Gandhi Nagar for the session 2024-2025.

Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director Physical Education & Sports, Cluster University of Jammu was the Chief Guest during the occasion.

The tournament was organized under the overall supervision of Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director Physical Education

& Sports, CLUJ & under the supervision of Kunal Premi, Physical Director, GCW Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

Dr. (Prof.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal GGM Science College congratulates the winning team and wish that the team will also show good results in near future. Principal also congratulate the Physical Director for the abovementioned achievement.

The final match was played between GGM Science College & Govt. SPMR College of Commerce in

which GGM Science won by 22-15 Points. Anikat Chib and Abu Bilal Ahmed Kohli played excellent game for GGM Science College.

Prof. Yash Paul (Convener Sports committee GCW Gandhi Nagar), Prof. Poonam Kesar, Parikksha, Ramandeep Karalia, Physical Director GCOW Jammu, were among the various dignitaries present during the occasion.

The match was officiated by Gourav Sharma, Kritgva, Amarjot Singh, Abhay Singh and Abhay Singh Thakur.

Div Com Jammu inspects arrangements at Annual Jhiri Mela Pays obeisance at historic Baba Jitto shrine



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar inaugurating Dargah at Jhiri Mela.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Friday visited the famous Jhiri Mela and inspected the arrangements made there for the devotees.

On arriving at the historic Baba Jitto shrine, the Divisional Commissioner paid his obeisance and inaugurated the Dargah organised at the Mela. At the Mela, the Div Com took a round and inspected the preparations, arrangements made by the respective departments with regard to sanitation, power, water

supply and convenience to the devotees.

The Div Com asked the officials deployed for the Jhiri Mela to ensure best possible arrangements for memorable and spiritual experience to the devotees who are arriving in large numbers from within and outside the UT. Later, the Divisional Commissioner also visited the Bawe Talab, the religious pond where the devotees of Baba Jitto Shrine take holy dip. Deputy Commissioner Jammu, SP Rural, SDM Marh and officers from Civil and police administration were present on the occasion.

Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor triumphs over Raghuvver Cricket Academy Sunderbani in Friendly 25/25 Match

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AKHNOOR: In a thrilling Under-17 Friendship Cup match, Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor U-17 emerged victorious over Raghuvver Cricket Academy Sunderbani by six wickets in a high-energy 25/25 overs game held at the Govt Higher Secondary School Akhnoor.

The match commenced with RCA Sunderbani winning the toss and opting to bat first. Their innings saw Kartikeya top-score with a solid 74 off 64 balls, providing the backbone to their total of 167/7 in 25 overs. Raghuvver Singh con-



Winner Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor team with officials.

tributed 26 off 33 balls, while Pranav Sharma added 10 off 10 balls.

For Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor, their bowlers were

exceptional. Jatin Mahi was the standout performer, taking two wickets for just 9 runs in 5 overs. Surya Dev Singh also took two wickets, while Rishu, Sourav, and Sanjam claimed one wicket each, limiting RCA Sunderbani to a modest total.

In reply, Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor chased down the target with ease, scoring 168/4 in 24.1 overs. Akash led the charge with 47 off 57 balls, followed by Amar Kotwal with 35 off 40 balls. Contributions from Binay Partap Singh (21), Rishu Kumar (18), and Kaniya (10) guided the team to victory. RCA Sunderbani's bowling attack saw Lovish, Kartikeya, and Kanhaiya Janwal claiming one wicket each but were unable to stop the chase.

Jatin Mahi was awarded Man of the Match for his outstanding performance with the ball.

The match was officiated by Umpires Vikas Bali and

Kuljeet Singh, with Shinda serving as the scorer.

The event was graced by Sham Singh Langheh, Zonal Head of Divyang Cricket Control Board of India, who was the Chief Guest. He inaugurated the match and encouraged the young cricketers to participate in all types of games while emphasizing the importance of studies and staying away from harmful habits like drugs.

This friendly match was organized by Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor under the supervision of Suresh Malhotra and Ravinder Chowdhary, both seniors in the cricketing community.

Sports infra to be upgraded as per Int'l standards: Dy CM



Dy CM, Surinder Kumar Choudhary inaugurating J&K Master Games at K.K Haku Stadium.

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JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary on Friday remarked that the Sports activities will get major boost here besides sports infrastructure will be upgraded as per world class standards to nurture sports persons for international level competitions.

The Deputy Chief Minister made these remarks while addressing a gathering after inaugurating maiden Jammu and Kashmir Master Games multi-sports event at K.K Haku Stadium here. The event is being organised by Jammu and Kashmir Master Games Association, in which the sports events of 16 disciplines like Football, Hockey, Table Tennis, Handball and others will be held.

Choudhary expressed strong support for promoting sports and fitness at the grassroots level. He underlined that the government is committed to establish world-class infrastructure for athletes in Jammu and Kashmir.

CEO Super master games and sports federation of India, Vinod Kumar; Dronacharya awardee, Kuldeep Handoo; former Indian Handball Chief Coach, J S Soodan; President J&K Olympic association, Asutosh Sharma, large number of athletes and sportspersons and students were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, in the inaugural match of Hockey event, Chand Master XI defeated Laxmani Chand Master XI 3-0. In another event of Roller Hockey, RASE defeated Champs Club 9-2.

Superb batting display powers J&K to 4-wkt win in Ranji Trophy

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JAMMU: After a great display of bowling skills by almost all the J&K bowlers led by Speedster Anqib Nabi, the batters led by promising Vivrant Sharma and talented Abid Mushtaq showed serenity, composure, promise, solidity and what and what held their nerves when it mattered the most in pressure cooker scenario, thus powered Jammu and Kashmir to a clinical and much needed victory over formidable Tripura on a bowling friendly track in the ongoing Ranji Trophy Elite Group-A match at JKCA Hostel ground here today.

This win has made Jammu and Kashmir one of the favourites alongwith Baroda and Mumbai to be part of the knockout stage. J&K has earned 6 points from this win and has taken its points tally to 23 points in five outings so far in the tournament.

Chasing a victory target of 202 runs J&K rode on a batting brilliance by the quartet of Vivrant Sharma, Abid Mushtaq, Shubham Khajuria and Abdul Samad to chase it



in 56 overs, losing 6 wickets in the process, thus winning the match by 4 wickets.

Vivrant top scored with magnificent unbeaten 60 runs off 133 balls with 6 fours and 2 sixes, while Abid Mushtaq contributed power-packed 53 runs off equal number of balls with 4 sixes and 4 fours.

Abdul Samad (35), Shubham Khajuria (25) and skipper Paras Dogra (15) contributed to the winning cause. The duo of Vivrant and Abid played a crucial role in J&K win after they were tottering at 112/6.

MB Mura Singh and Parvez Sultan took 2 wickets each for Tripura, while AK Sarkar claimed one wicket.

Meanwhile, resuming from 170/7, Tripura scored 211 in the second essay, thus setting

a victory target of 202 runs for the hosts. Wicketkeeper batsman S Sharath top scored with 61 runs, while Jeevanjot Singh and MB Murali Singh contributed 45 and 32 runs to the total respectively.

For J&K, the first innings hero Anqib Nabi captured 4 wickets, while Abid Mushtaq and Yudhvir Singh claimed 3 wickets each.

Earlier, continuing his devastating form with the ball, Anqib Nabi emerged as the standout bowler for Jammu & Kashmir and alongwith artistic seamer Rasikh Salam plotted collapse of the Manipur team, while in reply Shubham Khajuria stood tall in difficult conditions and scored magnificent 57 runs to help J&K score 175 runs and gain a 10-run lead.

68th National School Games in Fencing

Ashwin, Keshar, Jaireet win gold medals on day-4

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JAMMU: Showing composure, promise and serenity, Ashwin Kumar of DAV, Keshar Raj of Bihar and Jaireet Kaur of Punjab clinched gold medals in different events on day-4 of the ongoing 68th National School Games in the discipline of Fencing U-14 Boys and Girls, being organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, under the auspices of School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu here.

The event in which 21 States/UTs across the country are taking part, is being held under the patronage of Minister for Sports, Satish Sharma, Secretary Youth Services and Sports Sarmad Hafeez and under the chairman of Director General Youth Services and Sports,



Jt Director YSS Jammu, Ved Prakash with other dignitaries and winner players.

Rajinder Singh Tara.

Earlier, in the U-14 Boys Epee Individual, Ashwin Kumar of DAV clinched gold, while the bronze medal in this event went to Loikhuram Deepu of Manipur. The bronze medal was claimed by Deepanshu of Punjab and Jyot Akabari of Gujarat.

In U-14 Girls Foil Individual, Keshar Raj of

Bihar won gold, Shaurya Ganesh Ingavale of International Board Schools Sports Organisation (IBSSO) bagged silver, while the bronze medal went to Jeju Jeevan Patil of Maharashtra and Sneha Yadav of Chhattisgarh.

In U-14 Girls Epee Individual, Jaireet Kaur of Punjab bagged gold, Piyanganbi Naoribam of Manipur clinched Silver, while the bronze medals went to Asmi Dhamme of Maharashtra and Komalpreet Kaur of Punjab.

The Jammu and Kashmir boys and girls teams which have already won two gold and two silver medals in the tournament so far, could not clinch any medal today on the fourth day of the competition.

The medal winners were felicitated by Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Ved Prakash, who was accompanied by Harvinder Kaur, Convener Ceremonies Committee on the occasion.

Former International Fencer and International Referee, Rashid Ahmed has

done a fabulous job in the successful conduct of the games as the competition director, while Former International Fencer and reputed Fencing Coach, Ujjwal Gupta; Former International Fencer, Abdul Qadir and Former International Fencer Anthony Mattoo have been instrumental in training and guiding J&K fencers to win medals.

Meanwhile, Ved Prakash also chaired a meeting of the Coaches and Managers of participating States/UTs to take their feedback and also review the arrangements for the upcoming Fencing event in U-17 Boys and Girls categories.

The Coaches and Managers expressed satisfaction over the conduct of the event.

ICC puts PCB's 'POK' CT Trophy tour on hold after BCCI's strong objection

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NEW DELHI: The ICC on Friday put on hold Champions Trophy tour of disputed Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) following BCCI's strong objection to the PCB's move.

The tournament, last held in 2017, is already in a limbo after BCCI refused to send its team to Pakistan for the tournament. The PCB has also rejected the proposed 'Hybrid Model' with India playing their matches in Dubai. The schedule for the tournament has also been put on hold and the latest controversy could only make things complex and worse. It has been learnt that BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Friday spoke to the ICC top brass and condemned the PCB for the PoK move. "The BCCI secretary called up the ICC and was extremely critical of PCB's move to conduct a Trophy tour of multiple cities which fall under Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. He has urged the ICC to take strong action. As far as Islamabad is concerned, there is no issue but there can't be any Trophy tour to POK," a senior BCCI official privy to develop-

ment told PTI on conditions of anonymity. The 'Trophy Tour' is a part of the global body's promotional exercise with multiple city visits as per discussions with the host country. However, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) without prior knowledge of all stakeholders announced on its official social media handle about taking the Trophy to Skardu, Murree, Hunza that fall under the disputed territory. "Get ready, Pakistan! The ICC Champions Trophy 2025 trophy tour kicks off in Islamabad on 16 November, also visiting scenic travel destinations like Skardu, Murree, Hunza and Muzaffarabad. Catch a glimpse of the trophy which Sarfaraz Ahmed lifted in 2017 at The Oval, from 16-24 November," PCB tweeted. When an ICC Board Member was contacted, he told PTI: "The discussions on Trophy tour is still on. I am not aware if PCB had kept everyone in loop about the four cities mentioned but if not then it was certainly not the right thing to do. I don't think ICC will allow PCB to take the trophy to any disputed region."

Inter-Distt UT level Rugby Competitions begin in Bandipora



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BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Harmeet Singh Mehta on Friday kick-started the Inter-district UT Level Rugby Competitions at SK Stadium Bandipora organized by department of Youth Services and Sports Bandipora. Athletes from seven districts of J&K UT, including Jammu, Baramulla, Pulwama, Budgam, Srinagar, Kupwara, and Bandipora, are participating in the competition. A total of 480 players are taking part including 216 girls and 264 boys representing their respective districts. The event features 40 teams across all three categories, underscoring the presence of a broad and skilled bunch of competitors within the region. Speaking on the occasion, the DC expressed great pleasure in noting that the sports infrastructure in Bandipora district has been developed to such an extent that it is now capable of hosting the UT-level championship. He said that further efforts are needed for infrastructure development and assured full support from the district administration. While interacting with the players, M.A Qadri expressed satisfaction with the youth of Bandipora excelling in sports, noting that they have demonstrated their talent at various UT, national, and even international platforms.