

LG meets J&K Senior Men's Football team for Santosh Trophy



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha meeting with J&K Senior Men's Football Team.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday met the J&K Senior Men's Football Team participating in the ongoing 78th Senior National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy-2024, at Raj Bhawan.

The Lieutenant Governor

congratulated the players and the coaching staff for their remarkable performances during the group stage and extended his best wishes for the future matches.

He also commended the J&K Sports Council for organizing rigorous training camps and providing requi-

site facilities, technical guidance and support to the team for its Santosh Trophy campaign.

J&K Senior Men's Football Team competed in Group-A alongside Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, and Punjab and delivered commanding performances while remaining unbeaten in

the group stage. The team has qualified for the final round and will now compete in Telangana from December 14, 2024.

Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council; Satpal Singh, Chief Coach, senior officials of J&K Sports Council and coaching staff of the team were also present.

Poonch Cup National Differently Abled Triangular Cricket Series from Dec 2

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AKHNOOR: The J&K Divyang Welfare Association (JKDWA), in a press conference on Monday, announced the upcoming Poonch Cup National Differently Abled Triangular Cricket Series, set to take place on 2nd and 3rd December 2024 at the Sports Stadium in Poonch. The series will feature cricket teams from Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh, with the aim of promoting inclusivity and empowering differently-abled athletes.

The press conference was led by Peerzada Syed Nisar Hussain Shah, General Secretary of JKDWA, along with Sham Singh Langheh (President), Dr. Sarfaraz Mir (Vice President), and Syed Shah Aziz (Joint Secretary).

They highlighted the significance of the event in fostering greater opportunities for differently-abled individuals in sports and raising awareness about their remarkable potential.

The association encouraged the residents of Poonch to attend the event and cheer for the athletes, who they described as "real heroes."

The final day of the series, 3rd December, coincides with International Day of Persons with Disabilities, making the closing ceremony a special occasion to celebrate the achievements of differently-abled individuals in sports.

The JKDWA expressed hope for strong community support to ensure the success of this meaningful and inspiring event.

36th Ramban District Volleyball Championship concludes



Winner team posing with chief guest and other dignitaries after receiving trophy.

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BANIHAL: The 36th Ramban District Volleyball Championship came to a thrilling conclusion at PM Shri Govt. Higher Secondary School Tathar, Banihal, with Nivia Sports Volleyball Club Perhinder Ramban being crowned champions.

In an exciting final, Perhinder defeated Minister Spikers Volleyball Club Khari by 3-1 (25-23, 25-18, 21-25, 25-23).

Earlier in semifinals, Nivia Sports Club beat Super Star Nora Volleyball Club by 2-0 (25-18, 25-20) and Minister Spikers Volleyball Club Khari beat Chenab Valley Volleyball Club Ramban by 2-1 (25-19, 22-25, 15-6).

The matches were officiated by a panel of referees including Mujahid Hussain, Khalid Rasool Padder, Shah Nawaz Khan, Abid Sohail and Farooq Ahmed Bhoru.

The closing ceremony was graced by DSP Traffic Banihal, SP Singh, as the

Chief Guest, with Captain Lokash Rathore of 12 R/R as the Guest of Honour.

Principal of the host school, Mohd Abass Giri, presided over the function.

The chief guest, a renowned former hockey player, encouraged the youth to embrace sports and education to foster overall growth and steer clear of social evils like drug addiction. He also urged safe driving practices, particularly the use of helmets.

Twelve teams participated in the two-day championship, displaying impressive skills in the snow-capped mountains of Tathar, a remote village hosting the Khelo India Center. The championship was organized by the Volleyball Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

The championship was also a stepping stone for the Ramban district volleyball team, which has been selected to represent the district in the upcoming JKUT

Volleyball Championship in Jammu from 13th to 15th December 2024.

The event saw participation from local dignitaries, including DSP Banihal Manjeet Singh, SHO Banihal Aashiq Bukhari, and several teachers and sports enthusiasts.

The chief guest announced the donation of four volleyballs and a net to the Khelo India Center at Tathar to support the development of local players.

The closing ceremony concluded with the presentation of mementos to the dignitaries by the office bearers of the Volleyball Association of J&K, including CEO Kuldeep Magotra, Vice President Abdul Ahed Shah, General Secretary VK Magotra, and Treasurer Romesh Sharma.

The nine-day sports promotion drive in the Chenab Valley region was a successful culmination of the Volleyball Association's efforts to promote sports in J&K.

India reclaim top spot in WTC points table after trouncing Australia in Perth Test

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DUBAI: India reclaimed the top spot in the World Test Championship points table following their 295-run hammering of the hosts Australia in the opening Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy here on Monday.

India were leading the WTC standings by a significant margin but a 0-3 loss to New Zealand on their home soil led to the world No 2 Test side slipping down to the second spot, with the defeat also denting their hopes of making the final of the competition next year.

The huge win over Australia has bolstered India in the standing, who now have 61.11 percentage points and the top spot.

Australia are placed second with 57.69 percentage points.

"The triumph has now propelled the two-time runners-up to the top spot in the 2023-25 WTC points tally, further solidifying their chances of making it to their third successive final at Lord's next year. The win for the visitors comes on the back of the recent 3-0 drubbing at the hands of New Zealand back home," the ICC said on its website.

"Australia, who have slipped to the second spot in the nine-team points table, are still in the race to defend their title," it added.

Satish Sharma felicitates J&K football team for qualifying in final round of Santosh Trophy



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma meeting with the J&K Senior Men's Football Team.

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JAMMU: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, on Monday met with the Jammu and Kashmir Senior Men's Football Team on their return to Jammu after a stellar performance in the first round of the 78th Santosh Trophy.

During the interaction, the Minister lauded the team's historic victory against formidable opponents like Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, commending their skill, dedication and teamwork.

"It is gladdening to see our athletes bringing glory to Jammu and Kashmir by defeating top teams. This success showcases the immense sports talent in the region," he said.

The Minister assured the players that the government

is committed to provide every possible support for their further participation in the final round of the prestigious competition, including world-class training facilities, technical expertise and other necessary resources.

Satish Sharma also expressed confidence in the team's ability to continue performing at the highest level in the upcoming final rounds of the tournament.

The team was applauded for their exemplary efforts by the Minister, who also recognised the contribution of the coaching and technical staff. "The athletes and technical staff have made us all proud with their hard work and achievements. Their success is a testament to the power of perseverance and collective effort," he remarked.

The felicitation ceremony was attended by Director General, Youth Services and Sports Rajinder Singh Tara, Secretary, J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul, Chief Sports Officer, and Chief Accounts Officer, J&K Sports Council.

The J&K Sports Council, which played a crucial role in organizing rigorous training camps and ensuring comprehensive support for the team, was also commended by the Minister for their efforts in elevating sports in the region.

The interactive session concluded with a renewed commitment from the administration to strengthen sports infrastructure and encourage young talent across Jammu and Kashmir, aiming for sustained excellence in the national and international arena.

Kathua Judo meet on Nov 27

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JAMMU: Organised by the District Judo Association, Kathua District Judo Championship shall take

place at District Coaching Centre Kathua Stadium on November 27 and 28, 2024.

The competition shall be

held under the banner of Judo Association of Jammu and Kashmir, J&K Sports Council and J&K Olympic Association.

Those eligible Judokas are advised to report to concerned coaches for further information bringing along Aadhaar card.

JKIIAN excel in Sahodaya Athletic Meet 2024-25

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JAMMU: In the inter-school Sahodaya Athletics Meet 2024-25, JK Public School Kunjwani won one gold and one bronze Medal. The event was organized at Doon International School on November 22, 2024, under the banner of Sahodaya Schools Complex Jammu Chapter.

Anjali Verma made a stunning mark by winning the gold medal in Javelin, while Akriti Singh bagged the bronze medal in Shot Put, demonstrating their exceptional athletic skills and dedication.

Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK Educational Society and School Principal Rajesh Rathore congratulated the winners and felicitated them in the school assembly for their hard work and dedica-



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating a winner student.

tion. They also lauded school Coach Shiv Dev Singh and HOD (Sports) Subash Chander for preparing students for the meet.

This remarkable achievement highlights the school's commitment to nurturing young talent and promoting physical education alongside

academic excellence. JK Public School continues to inspire and encourage students to excel in all aspects of their development.

Singh Club Akhnoor wins first match of 3-Match Series against Sunderbani X1

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AKHNOOR: A thrilling match unfolded at the Government Higher Secondary School Akhnoor, where the Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor took on Sunderbani X1 in the first of a 3-match T20 series.

The match began with Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor winning the toss and opting to bat first.

The decision to bat first saw Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor score 160/8 in their 20 overs. Rahul Mulan was the standout performer with a quick 35 off 20 balls, supported by Binay Partap who



Winner team posing for a photograph.

contributed 22 off 19 balls. Sonu Manhas added 14 off 17 balls to the total.

For Sunderbani X1, Vivek Raina and Anit Kumar were the pick of the bowlers, each

claiming two wickets. Meanwhile, Abhey, Ashish, and Sandeep took one wicket each, keeping the pressure on the batsmen throughout the innings.

In response, Sunderbani X1 set out to chase the target but finished with 146/6 in their allotted 20 overs. Piyush Sharma was the top scorer for Sunderbani with a solid 67 off 55 balls. Ner Dsol added 13 off 16 balls, but the chase fell short of the target.

For Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor, Sham Singh Langheh and Sumit Pandit were key contributors with the ball, each picking up two wickets. Sny Mahi and Sonu Malhotra supported well, each taking one wicket.

The Man of the Match award went to Sumit Pandit

for his all-round performance, which included his crucial bowling figures and contributions to the team's success.

Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor emerged victorious by 14 runs, leading the series 1-0.

The match was officiated by Sushil Pawa and Deepak Magotra as Umpires with Yuvraj Radha serving as the scorer.

This 20-overs 3-match series is being organized by Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor under the supervision of Sham Singh Langheh, the President of the club.

Army hosts grand finale of Lam Premier League Volleyball Tournament



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NOWSHERA: The Indian Army, under Operation Sadbhavana and the Ace of Spades Division, successfully hosted the grand finale of the Lam Premier League Volleyball Tournament at Lower Narian Garrison in Nowshera, Rajouri District.

This event aimed to promote sportsmanship and engage local youth, strengthening the bond between the Army and the community. The tournament featured 26 teams from various clubs in the region, displaying exceptional skill and determination. After intense league matches, the finals saw Sai Team Jammu clinch the title in the Boys' Category, while Samba emerged victorious in the Girls' Category. The

matches were an exciting showcase of the youth's talent and resilience. The initiative underscored the Army's commitment to encouraging youth participation in sports and identifying emerging talent. Several players were selected for professional coaching, sponsored by the armed forces, as part of their effort to support and uplift the local community. The event was attended by Maj Gen Kaushik Mukherjee, GOC Ace of Spades Division, Brigadier DKS Sharawat, Abhishek Kumar (DC Rajouri), and Mohammad Tariq (Joint Secretary Volleyball Association, Jammu). The tournament successfully brought together the community, inspiring young minds to excel both on and off the field.

GDC Mahanpur organises awareness drive on Road Safety

STATE TIMES NEWS

MAHANPUR: Road Safety Club and NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur in collaboration with the Police Department, Basohli organised an Awareness Drive on Monday. In today's world, road and transport has become an Integral part of every human being. Every year, road crashes result in loss of lakhs of lives and serious injuries to crores of people. The event was organised to raise awareness about Road Safety and Traffic Rules.

In India itself about eighty thousand people are killed in road crashes every year which is thirteen percent of the total fatality all over the world. In this connection, an Awareness Drive was organised in the College.



Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan presenting memento to Resource Person Suresh Kumar Sharma, SDPO Basohli.

The programme was organised by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Road Safety Club and Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS P.O. under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College. The programme commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony by the dignitaries.

The Resource Person and Guest of Honour on the occasion was Suresh Kumar Sharma, JKPS, SDPO Basohli. He gave an informative Power Point Presentation on the topic "Road Safety Measures and Traffic Rules and Violations".

In his presentation, he not only explained in detail

the traffic for pedestrians, drivers and motorcyclist but also highlighted the importance of three types of traffic signals i.e. mandatory, cautionary and informative.

Moreover, he also elucidated the consequences of traffic rules violation as well as penalties and fines of traffic rules violation in

India. A token of appreciation was presented to Suresh Kumar Sharma, SDPO Basohli. A Souvenir was also presented to Balbir Singh Thakur, Chowki Incharge Mahanpur for his presence.

The students as well as NSS Volunteers were enlightened by the fruitful and information presentation. More than 50 students attended the Lecture. Besides this, the faculty members who were present in the Awareness Drive were Nisha, Dr. Nisha, Dr. Babli, Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Yograj, Divya, Pooja, Anuradha, Shivani Panoch and Monika. The event was hosted by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia and the Formal Vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan.