

# J&K clinches thrilling win with decisive last-wicket heroics

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VADODARA: In a dramatic finish that showcased grit and determination, a spirited overall performance and a resolute last-wicket partnership propelled Jammu & Kashmir to a remarkable 1-wicket triumph over Jharkhand in the ongoing Under-23 Men's State-A Trophy at Kotambi Stadium B Ground, Vadodara, today.

Set a target of 199 runs to chase in 50 overs, J&K lost wickets in quick succession, but the match reached its crescendo when tailenders Atif Bin Mushtaq and Sarvashish Singh stitched together a courageous unbeaten 31-run stand for the final



Winner J&K team posing for a photograph.

wicket. Their cool-headed composure under immense pressure saw J&K home in a pulsating one-wicket victory, sealing the game in dramatic fashion.

Earlier, Rydham anchored the chase with a stylish 55 off 57 balls, hitting 4 boundaries and 2

sixes, while Arnab Gupta contributed a crucial 38 off 54 deliveries, matching Rydham's boundary and six count.

The spotlight, however, shone brightest on Atif, who delivered a match-winning unbeaten 20 from 24 balls, including two tower-

ing sixes, and on Sarvashish, who stood firm with an unbeaten 9 from 16. Jharkhand's Rajan Deep led their bowling attack, claiming four wickets for 45 runs in his ten-over spell, while Raunak chipped in with two wickets to keep J&K under con-

stant pressure. Batting first after being put in, Jharkhand posted a competitive 198 runs, courtesy of a composed 61 by Bisesh Dutta, who struck 7 boundaries during his 83-ball stay. Satya Seetu (26) and Prabhat Kumar (24) offered valuable support, but the J&K bowlers, led by Atif Bin Mushtaq and Asif Muzzafar-who took three wickets each-and Sarvashish Singh, who struck once, ensured Jharkhand's total remained within reach.

Jammu & Kashmir's victory-built on collective effort, nerves of steel, and a memorable last-wicket stand-will be remembered as one of the highlights.

# Rajab Club, Manjakote win Volleyball titles

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RAJOURI: Rajab Club in men and Manjakote Club in women section emerged champions in the District Rajouri Volleyball Tournament, which held at Sports Stadium, Rajouri under the banner of District Rajouri Volleyball Association.

In the men's final, Rajab Club defeated Dharamsal 25-19, 25-22, 25-23 while in girls title clash, Manjakote outplayed Patraru. Earlier, in the men's semifinals, Rajab Club beat Choudhary Club, and Dharamsal trounced Bagnoti Club. Among the individual prizes were Aquib Choudhary (best attacker), Mehmood (best libero), and Shanawaz (best lifter).

In the prize distribution function, DySP Headquarters, Satish Sharma, and DySP



Winner team receiving trophy.

Operations, Shami Kumar were the special guests, who distributed prizes among the winners and runners-up teams. Special guest, Bashir Ahmed Bakshi, guest of honour Shabir Hussain (Assistant Manager, Sports Stadium Rajouri), and Tariq

Khan (joint secretary, Volleyball Association J&K) were also present.

"The championship aimed to promote sports and keep youth away from drugs," emphasized president of the Volleyball Association, Rajouri, Sajjad Majeed.

# LOC Cricket Club Poonch wins KGPL Season 2 trophy



LOC Cricket Club Poonch team receiving winner trophy.

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POONCH: LOC Cricket Club Poonch win the trophy of Krishna Ghati Premier League (KGPL) 2025-26 organized by Krishna Ghati Brigade, under the aegis of the Ace of Spades Division, at the Sports Ground, Jhullas on Friday. Held from 02 to 21 November 2025, the tournament witnessed participation from 26 teams across Poonch, Mendhar, Surankote and Mandi, making it one of the most significant sporting events in the region.

In the final match, LOC Club defeated Panjal Warriors by a margin of 14 runs. Sajjad Shaikh was declared the Man of the Match for his brilliant bat-

ting performance.

KGPL was conceptualised to promote a vibrant sports culture in the border areas, provide a professional and disciplined platform for local youth, and reinforce communal harmony and civil-military cooperation. Prizes worth ₹8 lakhs further elevated the level of competition and encouraged wide participation.

The tournament achieved extraordinary digital outreach with live-streaming on major platforms, registering an unmatched 13.52 crore online viewership. Match highlights, player interactions and analytics substantially enhanced the visibility of emerging talent.

Complementing the sporting activities, the Indian Army also integrated impactful community initiatives including Ek Ped Desh Ka Naam, Drug Awareness Campaigns, motivational lectures in schools, and Village Defence Committee training, significantly augmenting the event's overall societal impact.

KGPL 2025-26 stands as a testament to the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to youth empowerment, community engagement and peace-building in the border region. The Krishna Ghati Brigade reaffirms its dedication to fostering unity, stability and positive transformation across the area.

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UDHAMPUR: The second day of the 37th District Udhampur Volleyball Championship, organized by the Volleyball Association of District Udhampur under the aegis of the Volleyball Association of Jammu & Kashmir (VAJK) and the J&K Sports Council, witnessed an action-packed series of matches in both the Boys' and Girls' sections.

In the Boys' category, three league matches were played on Day 2. In the 7th match, Fusion Club beat DPS 2-0 (25-14, 25-20), CVC outplayed GDC 2-0 (25-18, 25-16), Ramnagar Volleyball Club defeated AOC 2-0 (25-19, 25-13). In the semifinals, Fusion Club beat CVC 3-1 (25-13, 24-26, 25-14, 25-21) and Ramnagar Volleyball Club beat UVC 3-0 (25-18, 25-17, 25-15).

Meanwhile, in the Girls' final, Ramnagar Girls' team squared off against APS Udhampur. Ramnagar exhibited remarkable coordination and tactical superiority, winning the championship title in straight sets. They defeated APS Udhampur 25-15 and 25-14, becoming the undisputed champions of the Girls' section.



MLA Udhampur West, Pawan Kumar Gupta presenting trophy to winner team.

section.

The Boys' final became the highlight of the evening as Ramnagar Volleyball Club and Fusion Club faced each other in an intense title clash. The final kept the audience captivated from start to finish. Fusion Club put up a resilient performance and succeeded in overcoming Ramnagar 3-1. The closely contested sets reflected the fighting spirit of both teams, with Fusion Club taking the championship with scores of 25-23, 26-28, 25-21 and 25-20.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by the presence of Pawan Kumar Gupta, MLA Udhampur West, who attended as the Chief Guest.

Vaagesha Gupta, Additional District Treasury Officer Udhampur, was the Guest of Honour for the occasion. The dignitaries distributed trophies and medals among the winners and runners-up of both the Boys' and Girls' categories.

During the ceremony, Pawan Kumar Gupta made a significant announcement, stating that both volleyball courts will soon be equipped with floodlights under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), a move that is expected to boost sports infrastructure in the district.

Several prominent personalities also graced the closing ceremony, adding pres-

tige to the event. Among those present were Sandeep Gupta (EXn Jal Shakti), Dr. Summer Khajuria (renowned writer), Anil Paba (Archaeologist), Bharat Bhushan (Vice Principal), Varendra Varmani (President Beopar Mandal), Raj Guru (Vice President VAJK), Vijay Kumar (ZPEO Udhampur), along with the office bearers of the Volleyball Association of District Udhampur including Ashok Padha (President VADU), Amit Chander Singh (Secretary), Pawan Kumar (Senior Vice President), Ashok Kumar (Joint Secretary), Kuldeep Sharma (Joint Secretary), Upkar Singh Jamwal (Joint

Secretary), Brij Mohan and Kuldeep Sharma (Executive Member). Special individual awards were also presented to honour outstanding players of the tournament. Nikhil Sharma was awarded Best Attacker, Pranav Sharma received the Best Setter award, while Akshay Singh was recognized as the Best Libero. Each awardee was presented with a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 500 by the Volleyball Association Udhampur.

The matches were officiated by an efficient technical team comprising Naveen Sharma, Surinder Gupta, Manik Nargotra, Vinod Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Meenu, Neetika Sharma, Gourav Sharma and Deepak Sharma.

The stage proceedings were professionally conducted by Amit Sharma, Senior National Player and Physical Education Teacher, Department of Youth Services and Sports. On behalf of the Volleyball Association of District Udhampur, he extended thanks to all departments and contributors for their cooperation in making the mega sporting event a grand success.

# GNN Club wins Shaheed Banda Singh Bahadur Hockey Tournament trophy

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JAMMU: The Shaheed 10th Banda Singh Bahadur Hockey Tournament, organised by the Kashmir Sikh Sangat, concluded with a thrilling and closely contested final in which GNN Hockey Club edged past Sahil Hockey Club to lift the prestigious trophy.

Both teams displayed exceptional skill, speed, and sportsmanship throughout the match. Rajbir Singh of GNN Club scored two brilliant goals in the 15th and 30th minutes, giving his team a strong lead. Sahil Hockey Club fought back with goals in the 35th and 40th minutes, bringing the score to 2-2. The match was ultimately decided through an exciting tie-breaker, where GNN Club outclassed Sahil Club by 4-2 to claim the championship.



GNN Club team posing with dignitaries after receiving trophy.

onship.

Ashu was adjudged Man of the Match for his exceptional individual brilliance, while Joban Singh of Sahil Club was declared Player of the Tournament for his outstanding overall performance.

National-level umpires Rohit Kumar and Sahil Kumar supervised the match with professionalism and fairness.

The closing ceremony was

graced by Chief Guest SSP Randheer Singh and Nusrat Gul, Secretary, Sports Council, along with Special Guest Anisa Nabi. Prominent personalities present included Balvinder Singh (Vice President, DGPC Jammu), Manjeet Singh, and Tejwant Singh Reen, who jointly presented awards to the winning and runner-up teams.

In his presidential address, Karamveer Singh, President of the Kashmir Sikh Sangat, expressed deep gratitude to the volunteers, sponsors, and supporters whose dedication made the tournament a success.

Nusrat Gul emphasized that sports play a vital role in combating the menace of drugs and assured full infrastructural support from the Sports Council.

A special felicitation ceremony was organised in her honour, where Prof. K. S. Chandrasekhar, Vice Chancellor, extended his heartfelt congratulations and blessings.

He was joined by Prof. D. S. Manhas, Dean Students Welfare, Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director Physical Education and Sports, and Aman Singh, Aneesha's coach. Prof. Chandrasekhar

# CLUJ student selected for Khelo India University Games

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JAMMU: Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) announced that Aneesha Sharma, a talented shooter and one of the University's most distinguished sportspersons, has been selected to participate in the prestigious Khelo India University Games (KIUG). She will compete in the 10m Air Rifle event, scheduled to be held in Jaipur from 24th to 28th November.

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VC CLUJ, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekhar honouring selected student.

lauded her consistent excellence at national and international levels, describing her as "a role model for students and a rising star of J&K."

Aneesha Sharma has emerged as one of Jammu & Kashmir's most accomplished young shooters, bringing numerous laurels to both the Union Territory and the University. Her sporting journey reflects unwavering discipline, ded-

ication and competitive spirit. She has an impressive list of achievements, including multiple gold medals at the 011 India Open (Delhi), the Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championships, the National School Games, and the India Team Selection Trials. She has also secured several medals-gold, silver and team-at the 0755 India Open (Bhopal).

Internationally, Aneesha clinched a bronze medal at the 15th Asian Shooting Championship held in Changwon, South Korea. She represented J&K in the 37th National Games in Goa and dominated the 12th and 13th J&K UT Shooting Championships, sweeping medals across Senior, Junior and Youth categories. Currently ranked All India Junior Rank 3, she was recently honoured by the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

Congratulating her, Prof. Chandrasekhar said that Aneesha exemplifies hard work and excellence, and her selection for KIUG is a moment of pride for the entire Cluster University fraternity. The University extends its best wishes to Aneesha Sharma and looks forward to her continued success at national and international platforms.

# Ten x You launches Ambassador Program in Jammu to empower grassroots sports

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JAMMU: Ten x You, the sports brand co-founded by cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar, along with Karthik Gurumurthy (CEO) and Karan Arora (COO), launched the Jammu edition of its flagship initiative, The Ambassador Program. The program aims to Recognize, Reward, and Empower grassroots sportspersons, academies, and coaches, placing their experiences at the heart of product innovation, advocacy, and community engagement.

The Recognize pillar celebrates the efforts of coaches and academies that have developed robust sports

infrastructures, highlighting their contributions through storytelling and promotional initiatives. The Reward pillar provides tangible benefits, including preferential access to products, bespoke gear solutions, and exclusive discounts, ensuring innovation meets the on-ground needs of athletes and coaches. The Empower pillar focuses on creating opportunities for talented students, enabling upward mobility through sponsorships and support systems to help promising talent thrive.

Unveiling the Jammu chapter, Karthik Gurumurthy, CEO of Ten x You, stated, "The



Dignitaries at launching ceremony of Ten x You Ambassador Program at Jammu.

Ambassador Program is a cornerstone of our strategy to redefine sports in India and establish Ten x You as

a globally credible cricket brand. By empowering grassroots coaches, we are building a performance-

driven ecosystem where real insights shape product innovation, advocacy, and community engagement.

Embedding these voices ensures every piece of gear reflects the true needs of the sporting community."

The occasion was graced by MK Sinha, ADGP, Police Headquarters, J&K, as Chief Guest. He applauded the initiative and urged athletes, coaches, and academies to aim for excellence, citing Sachin Tendulkar's career as an example of hard work, discipline, and perseverance. "Sports is the greatest teacher; it teaches you not only to win but also to accept defeat gracefully. Playing within the rules shapes character and prepares you for life," he said.

Ranjeet Kalra, renowned sports administrator and Guest of Honour, expressed gratitude to Sachin Tendulkar and Ten x You for choosing Jammu and for sponsoring and honoring eminent sports personalities. He highlighted the program's commitment to support fifty more athletes from various games in the future, reinforcing the brand's dedication to grassroots development.

The launch witnessed the participation of numerous athletes, coaches, and academies from Jammu & Kashmir, including Arjuna Awardee Krupali Singh, celebrating their achievements and inspiring the next generation of sportspersons. The event underscored Ten x You's commitment to fostering a robust sports ecosystem in the region and creating meaningful opportunities for local talent.