

Khajuria's batting masterclass rivals Kiran's bowling brilliance in a fiercely balanced contest

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RAIPUR: In a thrilling contest at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium, talented Jammu and Kashmir opener Shubham Khajuria delivered a stunning batting masterclass to counter the early onslaught from Chhattisgarh's pace spearhead Ravi Kiran.

Despite the team's precarious start at 0/2, Khajuria after making solid partnerships with skipper Paras Dogra (59), Kanhaiya Wadhawan (42) and Umar Nazir (40), etched his ninth First-Class century, steering his side to a respectable first-innings total of 394 runs. His composed and commanding innings overshadowed Kiran's relentless bowling brilliance.

In reply, Chhattisgarh reached 75/1, setting the stage for a captivating battle between the two sides with the match finely poised.

With Chhattisgarh's opener Ayush Pandey (32) back to the pavilion, wicketkeeper Shashank Chandrakar (20) and Ashutosh Singh (18) were



at the crease at the draw of stumps on day-2 today. For J&K, Umar Nazir took the lone wicket to fall.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 195/4, J&K lost wickets at regular intervals. However, Khajuria was rock-solid on one end, showing solidity, sublimity, resilience and flamboyance, scoring 190 runs off 344 balls, studded with 30 delectable boundaries and 2 massive sixes. J&K's tail-enders also showed grit

SCOREBOARD	
JAMMU & KASHMIR 1ST INNINGS	
Qamran Iqbal b Ravi Kiran	00
Shubham Khajuria b Sarwate	190
Yawer Hassan b Ravi Kiran	00
Paras Dogra (c) lbw b Mandal	59
Abdul Samad c Ashutosh Singh b Ravi Kiran	15
Kanhaiya Wadhawan † b Ravi Kiran	42
Abid Mushtaq c Mandal b Ravi Kiran	06
Auqib Nabi c †Chandrakar b Ravi Kiran	06
Vanshaj Sharma c Majumdar b Ravi Kiran	10
Umar Nazir Mir c Desai b Majumdar	40
Sunil Kumar not out	13
Extras	13
Total	394/10
CHHATTISGARH 1ST INNINGS	
Aayush Pandey b Umar Nazir	32
Shashank Chandrakar † not out	20
Ashutosh Singh not out	18
Extras	05
Total	75/1

and guts, thus helping their side reach a good total. Umar Nazir played a valuable innings of 40 runs off 59 balls with 4 fours and 2 sixes. Ravi Kiran was the wrecker-in-chief

for Chhattisgarh, who captured 7 wickets by conceding 82 runs in his 27 overs, while Ajay Mundal, AA Sarvate and Sourab Majumdar claimed one wicket each.

Keshav wins U-13 Chess Tourney

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JAMMU: Keshav Mahajan bagged the Under-13 Sunday Chess Tournament title which was organised to build the spirit of competition among young learners of the game in Jammu.

Keshav and Nitika secured equal 5.5 points out of six rounds. However, following the laid down norms of the game, Keshav and Nitika fought in a decider wherein Keshav emerged winner.

The second place went to Nitika while budding Darpan Mahajan (four) finished third to contain with Bronze medal. Other Standings: Prince (3), Anjali (3), Prajanya (3); Sanjeev (3), Gunjan (2), Devansh (1) and Yashwina (0).

The first leg of the initiative took place at Vivek Chess Academy, wherein 10 young boys and girls of under-13 years of age participated. "The initiative has been taken to build the spirit of competition among the young learners of different



academies of Jammu," said one of the top chess trainers of Jammu, Vivek Bharati, who later presented the medals to the winners.

The Detailed Results: Round 1: Nitika (1) bt Anjali (0); Darpan (1) bt Prajanya (0); Prince (1) bt Devansh (0); Gunjan (1) bt Sanjeev (0); Keshav (1) bt Yashwina (0). Round-2: Keshav (2) bt Darpan (1); Nitika (2) bt Gunjan (1); Anjali (1) bt Prince (1); Sanjeev (1) bt Devansh (0); Prajanya (1) bt Yashwina (0). Round-3: Keshav (2.5); Sanjeev (2) bt Anjali (1); Prince (2)

bt Darpan (1); Prajanya (2) bt Gunjan (1); Devansh (1) bt Yashwina (0). Round-4: Keshav (3.5) bt Prajanya (2); Nitika (3.5) bt Prince (2); Darpan (2) bt Devansh (1); Anjali (2) bt Yashwina (0). Round-5: Keshav (4.5) bt Anjali (2); Nitika (4.5) bt Sanjeev (2); Prince (3) bt Gunjan (2); Prajanya (3) bt devansh (1); Darpan (3) bt Yashwina (0). Round-6: Keshav (5.5) bt Prince (3); Nitika (5.5) bt Prajanya (3); Darpan (4) bt Gunjan (2); Anjali (2) bt devansh (1); Sanjeev (3) bt Yashwina (0).

Samba District Athletics Championships 2025 conclude



Samba District Athletics Championships 2025 participants posing with officials.

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SAMBA: The Samba District Athletics Association successfully organized the Samba District Athletics Championships 2025 on Sunday at Bawa Santokh Nath Stadium, Smailpur, Samba, with the participa-

tion of 150 athletes from across the district.

The event witnessed enthusiastic performances from young athletes competing in various categories including U-14, U-16, and U-20 track and field events.

In the U-20 category, Jatin Singh secured 1st place in

the 100m race, followed by Sahil Manhas and Adarsh Manhas. In Long Jump, Neel Kamal clinched 1st position, while Sahil Charak and Vansh Singh stood 2nd and 3rd respectively. The Shot Put event saw Ashfaq Choudhary bagging 1st place, with Saksham

Manhas and Vansh Manhas following. In the U-14 category, Devansh Manhas won the 60m race, while Sabhya Sunil triumphed in Long Jump and Medansh in Shot Put. In U-16 events, Mukund Katal emerged as a double winner, securing 1st position in both the 60m race and Long Jump.

Ex-Sarpanch Swarn Singh Charak graced the occasion as Chief Guest, distributed certificates to winners, and congratulated all participants. The event was coordinated by Goutam Raj, General Secretary, AAA Samba, with officiating by a technical panel comprising Gureharan Singh, Chandan Singh, Rakesh Singh, Nirmal Singh, Nitin Saini, Sahil Sharma, and Narinder Chib.

Kathua Athletics Championship held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: Kathua District Athletics Championship, organised under the aegis of J&K Amateur Athletics Association in collaboration with Government Degree College Kathua, concluded on the college campus, here on Sunday.

Sponsored by the J&K Sports Council, the event witnessed participation of around 150 boys and girls from the district in field and track events.

The winners were felicitated by Sharat Chander Singh, general secretary of J&K Amateur Athletics Association and Sandeep Sharma, PTI GDC Kathua in the presence of Sanjeev Singh, veteran athlete and member Kathua District Athletic Association; Rakesh Sharma (Babbi), Ravi K Jasal, Gourav Sharma, Tushar Sharma, Monika Sharma, Diksha Jasrotia and Happy Thakur. The Results: MEN: OPEN: 100 mts: Anchal



Winner players posing with officials.

Kumar, Gold; Suresh Kumar, Silver; Ranjeet Singh, Bronze. 5000 mts: Jeewen Kumar, Gold; Nayan Verma, Silver and Suresh Kumar, Bronze. Shotput: Tarun Sharma, Gold; Anchal Kumar, Silver; Ranjeet Singh, Bronze. UNDER -20: 400 Mmts: Sakib Ali, Gold; Shivam Sharma, Silver; Sumit Kumar, Bronze. 800 mts: Shokib Ali, Gold; Gagan Kumar, Silver; Yukak Bandral, Bronze. 3000

mts: Shivam Sharma, Gold; Sumit Kumar, Silver; Gagan Kumar, Bronze. UNDER-14: 600 mts: Arav Sharma, Gold; Kerav Mahajan, Silver; Mohit Jasal, Bronze. UNDER-18: 400 mts: Shakti, Gold; Satinder Mohan, Silver; Aman Sharma, Bronze. UNDER-16: 600 mts: Gokul Chand, Gold; Vishal Sharma, Silver; Devansh Raghuvanshi, Bronze.

DPS Jammu shines at KCMUN 2025

Manini Sharma wins Best Delegate in AIPPM Committee

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JAMMU: Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu once again demonstrated its excellence in leadership, critical thinking, and diplomacy as its students achieved remarkable success at the 7th Edition of KC Model United Nations (KCMUN 2025), hosted by KC Public School from 30th October to 1st November 2025.

The event brought together bright young minds from across Jammu to deliberate on global and national issues through structured debate and collaboration.

Among the seven committees, DPS Jammu delegates left a distinguished mark in the All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM), which deliberated on the agenda "Realigning the Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047: Reviewing India's Progress, Enhancing Disaster Resilience, and Addressing Fund Allocation Challenges Amid Increasing Natural Calamities."

From DPS Jammu, Manini Sharma (XII-H)



won the coveted Best Delegate Award, while Vaidik Taggar (XII-H) earned High Commendation, Sparsh Bakshi (XI-B) received Special Mention, and Akshdeep Singh Sodhi (XII-H) secured the Verbal Mention.

The three-day conference offered students a platform to engage in meaningful dialogue, understand the nuances of public policy, and strengthen their diplomatic and persuasive communication skills. Through this enriching experience, DPS Jammu students

showcased not only their intellectual acumen but also their commitment to shaping a progressive, informed generation of young leaders.

The Management of DPS Jammu-President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh, and Director, S.S. Sodhi-along with Principal, Ruchi Chabra, and the school staff, congratulated students and their proud parents on this remarkable achievement. They also extended their best wishes to them for continued success in such future events.

DDC Counselor Thathri inaugurates Cluster of Block Sports Meet 2025

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THATHRI: Under the guidance and supervision of Kushal Gupta, Deputy Director, My Bharat - Mera Yuva Bharat Doda, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, the Cluster of Block Sports Meet 2025 was organized by My Bharat - Mera Yuva Bharat Doda in collaboration with United Youth Club (Regd.) Barshalla and the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Doda at Government Boys High School Thathri.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various educational institutions and departments including Government Degree College Thathri, Government Girls Higher Secondary School Thathri, Boys High School Thathri, Lotus Academy Thathri, National Academy Thathri, EPS Higher Secondary School Thathri, Police Department, Health Department, and the Administration Thathri.

The Cluster Sports Meet 2025 was formally inaugurated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony performed by Chief



Guest, Sandeep Singh Manhas (DDC Member & Councillor Thathri) and Guest of Honour, Sheetal Sharma (Sub-Divisional Magistrate Thathri), who jointly declared the meet open and extended their best wishes to all the participants.

Tarun, Major 26 RR Jangalwar, attended as Special Guest, and other distinguished guests included Satish Rana, Tehsildar Thathri, Sandeep Parihar, SHO Thathri, Farooq Ahmed (Headmaster GBHS Thathri), and Madan Lal, ZEPO Thathri, Dr Sonali Medical Officer. Different sports events such as Volleyball, Tag of War, 100m Short Race, Skipping Rope, Shot Put, and Badminton were successfully conducted under the supervision of the

Team of Physical Education Teachers of Zone Thathri, with Farooq Ahmed (Health Department) proceeding on stage as Secretary for all events, ensuring their smooth conduct.

The entire event was coordinated and conducted by Pinku Sharma (Adolescent Health Counselor, Health Department Thathri and President, United Youth Club Regd.), Farooq Ahmed (Health Department), and Madan Lal (ZEPO Thathri).

While speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Sandeep Singh Manhas appreciated United Youth Club (Regd.) Barshalla and My Bharat - Mera Yuva Bharat Doda for organizing such a meaningful sports event in a rural area, emphasizing that these programmes help channelize

youth energy positively and keep them away from drugs and social evils.

Sheetal Sharma lauded the organizing committee and highlighted that sports build physical strength, discipline, teamwork, and leadership qualities among the youth.

Tarun encouraged the youth to participate actively in sports and promote "Fit India" and "Drug-Free India."

Other guests, including Satish Rana (Tehsildar Thathri), Sandeep Parihar (SHO Thathri), Farooq Ahmed (Headmaster GBHS Thathri), and Sh. Madan Lal (ZEPO Thathri), also expressed their appreciation for the initiative and assured full support for future youth-oriented activities.

During the event, Dr. Sonali, Medical Officer CHC Thathri, along with her medical team, administered a pledge under the ongoing awareness campaign "Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0" and "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan" to all participants and dignitaries, spreading the message of a healthy, drug-free, and responsible youth.

The vote of thanks was presented by Pinku Sharma, Adolescent Health Counselor (Health Department Thathri) and Organizer of Cluster of Block Sports Meet 2025, also President of United Youth Club (Regd.) Barshalla.

He thanked all participating schools, Youth Club members, Administration, Police Department, Army, Health Department, and Municipality Department, Media Person Rajni Suryanshi Fair voice News and Pooja Suryanshi JK Darshan for their active support and cooperation in making the event a grand success.

At last All winner and runner-up teams were awarded trophies and participation certificates by the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, celebrating their achievements and sportsmanship.

On the occasion Executive member of United Youth Club Barshalla Chairmain Suriender Kumar Sharma, Ankush Sharma Vice President, Chander Mohan Sharma Secretary, Farooq Ahmed Member were present.

KCIS hosts spectacular third edition of Commverve 2025



KCIS faculty with dignitaries at a programme.

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JAMMU: KC International School once again raised the bar of innovation and enthusiasm as it hosted the third edition of its annual Commerce Fest - Commverve 2025. The campus transformed into a vibrant carnival of ideas, enterprise and entertainment, drawing enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, parents and distinguished guests.

The event was graced by

Chief Guests Arun Gupta, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Anil Gupta, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce; and Guest of Honour Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer CCI.

The occasion was further dignified by the presence of Chaitanya Chowdhary, President KCIS; Saroj Mahajan, General Secretary; Dr. Shikha Chowdhary, Finance Secretary; and Principal Anupama Sinha.

The celebration commenced with a warm welcome address by the Vice Principal Ms. Roma Gupta, who emphasized that Commverve provides a platform to nurture creativity, entrepreneurship and experiential learning. A melodious welcome song and a vibrant dance performance set a lively tone for the day ahead.

From the symbolic sapling presentation to a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak on environmental awareness,

every segment reflected the school's commitment to sustainability and innovation.

The campus buzzed with energy as visitors explored game and food stalls, enjoyed swings, fun zones and a dynamic DJ arena and participated in the exciting lucky draw, which added a thrilling twist to the festivities. Arti Aggarwal, Sr. School Coordinator efforts are truly acknowledged in commverve 2025.

Applauding the initiative, Arun Gupta and other dignitaries lauded KCIS for its dedication to nurturing young entrepreneurs and promoting hands-on learning experiences.

Principal Anupama Sinha expressed heartfelt gratitude to all guests, staff and students, describing Commverve 2025 as "a celebration of creativity, collaboration and commerce in its truest spirit."

District Kathua Volleyball Championship from Nov 15

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: A meeting was held on Sunday under the chairmanship of Kamal Sharma, District President of the Kathua District Volleyball Association, to review and plan the smooth conduct of the upcoming District Volleyball Championship 2025. The event will be organized under the aegis of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding the arrangements, logistics, and participation of various volleyball clubs in the district. After deliberation, it was decided that the championship will be hosted at Bhatiyari Volleyball Club ground on November 15 and 16, 2025. Addressing the members, Kamal Sharma emphasized the importance of promoting sports-



District President Kathua District Volleyball Association, Kamal Sharma with other officials at a meeting.

manship, teamwork, and youth engagement through such events. He appealed to all district-level volleyball clubs to complete their registration before the commencement of the championship, ensuring smooth coordination and fair participation. He further highlighted that the championship aims to provide a platform for talented players from Kathua to showcase their

skills and gain recognition at higher levels. Sharma also appreciated the efforts of all members and volunteers working towards making the event a grand success. Prominent office bearers present in the meeting included Ram Lal (Joint Secretary), Rajesh Goswami (Vice President), Keshav Sharma (Treasurer), Surat Singh (Senior Vice President), Nitish Sharma, Sh.

Rakesh Sharma (Senior Member), Uttam Singh, Yash Paul, Deepak Sharma, Shashi Khajuria along with several players representing different volleyball clubs across the district. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Kamal Sharma, who reiterated the association's commitment to nurturing young sporting talent and strengthening the volleyball culture in Kathua.