

# Vishal Club lifts New Year T20 Cricket League trophy

Mayor Jammu presents trophies

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JAMMU: Vishal Club defeated Lalitaditya Sports Club Jammu by 7 runs in summit clash and lifted the trophy of New Year T20 Cricket League organized by Veterans Cricket Association J&K and KC Sports Club Jammu at KC Sports Club ground, here on Saturday.

Earlier batting first, Jammu Vishal Club scored 126 runs in 18 overs for the loss of three wickets. Rohan Gill played a fine inning of 41 runs followed by Rajesh Gill, who also played well and made 40 runs while Ishtiaq scored 31 runs. For Lalitaditya Sports Club Jammu, Vishal and Rohit claimed one wicket each.

In reply, Lalitaditya Sports Club failed to chase the target and managed to score only 119 runs in 18



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma and other dignitaries posing with winner team after presenting trophy.

overs. Vinod was the top scorer with 59 runs while Showkat made 13 runs.

For Jammu Vishal Club, Ishtiaq and Ashish grabbed two wickets each while Majid and Shamsher took one wicket each.

Ishtiaq was declared Man of the Match in final while Rohan Gill declared best batsmen, Shamsher Singh

declared best bowler and Ashish Singh declared Man of the Series.

Today's match was officiated by Vijay, Sabastian Rao and Ashok whereas RP Singh conducted the proceedings of the valedictory function.

In the closing ceremony,

Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma was the chief guest who gave away trophies among the winner and runner-up teams in the presence of Haseeb Ur Rehman DIG Railways Jammu, RK Bhat SSP, R.S Jamwal former Joint Commissioner Jammu Municipality,

Ashish Singh Secretary Veterans Cricket Association J&K, R.P Singh and Rajesh Gill former Ranji Player and Organizing Secretary of the league.

The tournament was organized under the guidance of Arun Gupta, President Veterans Cricket Association J&K.

The Mayor advised the participating players to play with full dedication, will and conviction as the same are the important features to build a professional career. He further conveyed his best wishes to the players for their bright future.

Earlier Rajesh Gill presented welcome address and brief detail of the league.

# CSC inaugurated at Chak Rakwal, Nagrota



ADDC Jammu, Ramesh Kumar handing over Ayushman Bharat card to a beneficiary.

distributed Ayushman Bharat cards to beneficiaries and computer diplomas to candidates.

The event was attended by Tehsildar Nagrota Babu Ram, BDO Shalini Raina, PRI members, officers from concerned departments, and local residents.

It was informed to the ADDC that the Department

of Social Welfare has established 11 CSCs in district Jammu under the scheme SCA to SCSP 2021-22 (Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan). All these 11 CSCs have been established in the selected PMAGY villages (villages with more than 50% SC population) in the very first phase.

## J&K Sr Volleyball Tourney postponed

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JAMMU: Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) on Saturday postponed the proposed 34th J&K UT Senior Men and Women Volleyball Championship to next month.

Scheduled to take place from January 21 to 23, 2023 at Jammu, the event shall now take place at the same venue from February 22 to 24, 2023 a handout issued by the VAJK here today informed.

Inconvenience caused to the officials and players is regretted, added the handout.

All the Presidents and Secretaries of the concerned districts are advised to prepare for the forthcoming championship.

## 35 JK UT powerlifters selected for National Benchpress Championship

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JAMMU: 35 J&K UT Powerlifters selected for Sub Junior, Junior, Senior and Master Men and Women National Benchpress Championship held at Aurangabad from January 15 to 20, 2023.

The team is accompanied by General Secretary of the association Ajay Sharma.

The team: Yatiksha Rao, Shivani Langeh, Puneet Kour, Diksha Kapoor, Amita Devi, Abida Nasir Khan, Meenu Kalotra, Sant Kumar, Lakhan,

Chetan Dogra, Vikas Mehra, Rehaan Choudhary, Rujit Singh, Satayjeet Singh, Shubam Kalotra, Vikrant Singh, Suraj Singh, Rajneesh Chib, Momin Dar, Tarun Raina, Pankaj Chib, Anurag Magotra, Tarundeep Singh, Amandeep Bassan, Vipul Sharma, Gharjeet Singh, Vikramdeep, Piyush Bhardwaj, Akash Malhotra, Aakash Dutt, Saria Alam Butt, Vikramjeet Singh, Umesh Raina, Vishal Singh and B. Vidhant.

## Former VC JU, Prof Dhar is Director AcSIR

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JAMMU: Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, an internationally renowned Biotechnologist, has been appointed as Director, Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), on the recommendations of the search cum selection committee by the Prime Minister, as the President of CSIR. AcSIR declared as Institution of National Importance by an Act of the Parliament, was established in 2010 with an aim of furtherance of advancement of learning and research in the fields of Science and Technology.

Prof. Dhar is currently Professor of Biotechnology, and Chief Coordinator, Institute of



Human Genetics, University of Jammu.

He served as 13th Vice Chancellor (VC) of University of Jammu (JU) and also held the charge of Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu for some time. He is the founder Head of Department of Biotechnology in University of Jammu, which was elevated to

School of Biotechnology, of which he served as the Director. He has rich Postdoctoral research experience in Biotechnology acquired at Kansas State University, USA, Penn State University, USA, Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research, Germany, etc.

Needless to mention, AcSIR is the largest Academic Institution for doctoral research in India with more than 6100 students currently registered for PhD. Presently, AcSIR is ranked 2nd by "Seimago Institutions Ranking" (2022), 11th by "Nature index" (2021-22) and 18th "NIRF (2022) in the Research Category, among the academic institutions in India.



Players posing with Chief Guest after winning medals in District Poonch Wushu Championship.

er, Nusrat Hussain Shah Chairman SRK Global Peace Foundation Poonch, Sarfraz Ali Mir Chairman Sir Syed Education Mission Soch J&K, Jatinder Sharma Head Master, Assistant Account Officer Mohd Bashir, Rajinder Singh Taekwondo

Coach Department of Youth Services and Sports and Anit Sharma Joint Secretary Poonch District Taekwondo Association (PDTA) was the Special Guests.

The gathering was welcomed by General

Secretary of the Association Taranpreet Kaur. The chief Guest met with all the players and congratulated District Poonch Wushu Association and Wushu Association of J&K especially Kuldeep Handoo Dronacharya

## Safran CC drubs SCA Katra to lift Lohri Cup

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JAMMU: Getting the better of Sports Cricket Academy (SCA) by a big margin of 131 runs in a 2-day summit clash, Safran Cricket Club lifted the Lohri Cricket Cup title at Country Cricket Stadium, Gharota, near here on Saturday.

Batting first, Safran Cricket Club scored a good total of 223 runs in 35.4 overs today after the first day was washed out as heavy rains lashed Jammu yesterday.

Rishabh Jamwal and Agastya scored 46 runs each, while Akash Saproo contributed 26 runs to the total. Dheeraj Sharma and Arun



Jubilant members of Safran Cricket Club posing along with Chief Guest Vikrant Sharma at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota on Saturday.

scored 20 runs each.

For SCA Katra, Aditya Singh was the pick of the bowlers, who took 5 wickets by conceding 51 runs in his 8 overs, while skipper Anoop Singh bagged 3 wickets by

giving away 38 runs in his 8 overs.

In reply, SCA Katra bundled out for 92 runs, thus lost the match by virtue of huge first innings lead. Sanju Rajput top

scored with 55 runs off 42 balls, studded with 6 fours and 2 sixes.

Akash Saproo was the wrecker-in-chief for Safran Cricket Club, who took 5 wickets by conceding 9 runs in 5.3 overs, while Utkarsh Koul took 4 wickets by giving away 21 runs in his 8 overs. Skipper Sarthak Khoda claimed one wicket.

For his brilliant all-round display, Akash Saproo was adjudged as the man of the match.

Vikrant Sharma, MD Country Cricket Stadium Gharota was the chief guest on the occasion who presented man of the match award to the winner.

## Samba College hosts Kabaddi match with Army



Participating teams posing with dignitaries at Samba.

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SAMBA: Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College on Saturday hosted a Kabaddi match with 66 Armed Regiment of the Indian Army

on the College Campus, here.

The entertaining game on the mats was enjoyed by the students and faculty of the College. However, the better in stamina and technique, the Army team

won the game in a close contest.

The friendly match witnessed by among others by Commanding Officer of 66 Armed Regiment and Principal GDC Samba, Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo. The Principal interacted with both the teams and congratulated the winners and lauded the efforts of the young college boys.

Head of the institution, Dr Tickoo appreciated the efforts of Sanjeev Jamwal, Physical Director of the college for bringing more sports on the campus thus channelizing the energies of the youth.

## GGM Science College imparts awareness on 'Surya Namaskar' on Makar Sankranti



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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Rajesh Gupta and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized Surya Namaskar to mark the holy occasion of Makar Sankranti.

The festival comes as a thanksgiving to Mother nature for spreading health, wealth and happiness around.

Surya namaskar is the combination of 12 steps in a chronological manner. NSS volunteer Sanchit Sharma performed Surya Namaskar.

## Women's U-19 T20 World Cup: India crushes SA to begin campaign on positive note



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BENONI: Opener Shweta Sehrawat smashed an unbeaten 92 after skipper Shafali Verma blazed away to a 16-ball 45 as India crushed South Africa by seven wickets to begin their campaign in the inaugural Women's U-19 T20 World Cup on a rousing note here on Saturday.

Set a challenging target of 167 after South Africa opted to bat first, India were off to a blazing start with the opening duo of Shafali and Sehrawat

adding 77 runs in just seven overs at Willowmoore Park.

Shafali, who has already played 51 T20Is, 21 ODIs and two Test matches for the senior team at the international level, looked in excellent touch as she toyed with the South African bowlers and put her side on course for a big win.

While Shafali went after the bowlers from the word go, Sehrawat too maintained a very good strike rate throughout her innings, which came

off 57 balls and included as many as 20 boundaries.

However, having smashed nine fours and a six in an entertaining stay, Shafali was dismissed by off-spinner Miane Smit at the start of the eighth over. Her strike rate was an incredible 281.25 when she got out.

This was after the Indian captain also shone with the ball, picking up two wickets to put the brakes on the South

African scoring rate. Shafali bowled her full quota of four overs and returned with impressive figures of 2/31.

Unperturbed by the departure of Shafali, Sehrawat carried on in same vein and helped her team cross the line with 21 balls to spare. Sehrawat's previous best was 40 against the same opponents. Earlier, the South Africans too got a flying start with Simone Lourens (61 off

44 balls) and Elandri Janse van Rensburg (23 off 13) putting on 56 runs in only 4 overs. Left-arm spinner Sonam Yadav gave India their first breakthrough when she had Rensburg caught behind by Richa Ghosh, who is also a senior India player.

Shafali, then, got into the act by dismissing her coun-

terpart Oluhle Siyo for duck. Madison Landsman chipped in with 32 off 17 balls, while Karabo Meso and Miane Smit made brisk 19 and 16, respectively.

However, the home team was pegged back after top-scorer Lourens was run out in the 17th over, a crucial juncture, as they settled for 166 for five.

## 5 J&K Deaf Judokas in list for Asian event

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JAMMU: As many as five deaf judo players of J&K have been selected for participation in the Asian Pacific Deaf Championship to be held at Bishkek, Cyrgyzstan in March, 2023.

The selection was made considering the performance of these judokas in the just concluded XXV Senior Deaf National Sports Judo Championship 2023 held at Emerald International School Indore in Madhya Pradesh, a handout issued here on Saturday informed.



Selected Judo players posing with officials.

The team was accompanied by the senior Judo coach of J&K Sports Council, Suraj Bhan Singh.

The National event was organised by All India

Sports Council of Deaf (AISCD).

All the five selected judokas of J&K won gold medals in their respective weight categories at the National level.

Selected Judokas: Shikha Kumari (below 48 Kg), Rakhshinda Mehak (above 78 Kg), Rakesh Singh (below 60 Kg), Vishal Khajuria (below 66kg) and Nabeel Ahmed (Dar below 73Kg).

Meanwhile, on their return, the medal winners were appreciated by

Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul; Gulshan Drabu (general secretary AJKSAD), G Suresh Kumar (general secretary AISCD), KB Jandyal (chairman Samaj Kalyan Kendra), Roshan Bhan, Principal Hearing Handicapped School.