

## Youth participating in positive activities would surely contribute in furthering peace: DGP

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SRINAGAR: The closing ceremony of 18th Martyrs' Memorial Football championship was held at TRC Football Ground Srinagar on Tuesday. The Director General of Police Dilbag Singh was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Mayor Srinagar Junaid Azim Mattoo, ADGP Armed J&K SJM Gillani, ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, IG BSF Ashok Yadav, DIG Central Kashmir Range, Sujit Kumar, DIG Armed, Shahid Mehraj, DIG IRP Kashmir, Abdul Qayoom, President DFA, Shri Bashir Ahmad Malik, General Secretary JK FA, Prof. B.A Shah, Chairman JK FA, Wasim Aslam, all COs of Kashmir Based IR/AP Battalions, SSP Srinagar and other officers were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion,



DGP Dilbag Singh posing with winner team and other officials.

the DGP said that youth participating in positive activities would surely contribute in furthering the peace in J&K.

He informed that 41 teams participated in this 18th edition of the tournament.

DGP said that football is very popular in J&K and desired that barring the teams from government organizations each team

should get sponsored for making this game even bigger.

Referring to the kids who were playing football during the closing ceremony, the DGP said that future athletes are surely in the making.

While paying rich tributes to the fallen heroes, the DGP said that JK Police will always stand with the families of the martyrs.

In his welcome address ADGP Armed briefed about the fixtures and participation of teams in the tournament.

He also thanked the players, spectators, media persons, and associated partners for making the event a success.

He said that the tournament is organised by JK Police every year in the memory of those brave officials who gave supreme sacrifices

of their lives for the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. He said that the tournament was first started in the year 1998.

Speaking to the media, the DGP said that JK Police has been organizing this event for a very long time now to remember J&K Police martyrs.

This edition of the tournament ended some days back and due to some reasons the closing ceremony was held today during which prizes and trophies were distributed.

Worth to mention that the final of the tournament was played between FC-1 and AG's Office XI at Synthetic Turf TRC Football Ground Srinagar on 6th of this month. AG's Office XI won the match by 1:0 goals. The Lone goal was scored by Shakir Ahmad, Jersey No-24 who was awarded man of the Match for his excellent performance in the match.

## J&K team wins 10th National Pencak Silat Championship

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JAMMU: The winning streak of J&K athletes continues and this time around, it is the 10th Sub Junior, Junior, and Pre-Teen National Pencak Silat Championships where the players of J&K have emerged as overall winners of the championship.

The championship was held at the Indoor Sports Complex, Swami Ramanand Teerth University, Nanded in Maharashtra.

The 2022 edition of the Sub Junior and Junior Pencak Silat Nationals was held from January 13th to 16th with participation from 34 States and Union Territories comprising both girls and boy's teams from as many regions.

More than 1400 players took part in the tournament and those doing well shall be called for Indian national camps for the forthcoming Junior Asian Championship to be held at Tashkent



Medal winners posing with dignitaries.

Uzbekistan and Junior World and Commonwealth Championship 2023 likely to be held in Singapore.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull team congratulated the J&K team which emerged overall champions with 29 Gold, 38 Silver, and 35 bronze medals while Maharashtra emerged as the runners-up overall in the championship, and Haryana was placed at the 3rd spot in the total medal tally.

Assuring the winning team of all the support, Secretary Sports Council said more training centers in different

games shall be made operational in some time so that the holistic development of sport that we are aiming at is achieved.

Muhammad Iqbal team coach and Irfan Aziz Botta Treasurer of Indian Pencak Silat Federation was accompanying the team.

The Championship was organized by Maharashtra Pencak Silat Association under the aegis of the Indian Pencak Silat Federation and under the banner of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India and Sports Authority of India.

## Team JKPS Kunjwani shines in North India Tenshinkan Karate-do-Championship 2023



JKPS Kunjwani faculty members felicitating medal winner students.

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JAMMU: In the North Indian Tenshinkan Karate-Do-Competition held on January 7 and 8, 2023 at Indoor Sports Complex Stadium, Bhagwati Nagar Jammu, JK Public School Kunjwani won 33 medal including eight gold, seven silver and 18 bronze.

A total of 15 states across the country participated in

this competition.

The winners U-9 (Boys): Ganesh Singh (silver), Yuvraj Singh (bronze) and Dhairya Sheel Singh (bronze). U-9 (Girls): Krishna Kapahi (silver), Aaganya (bronze), Vritika Sharma (bronze) & Vedanshi Mahajan (bronze). U-12 (Boys): Ahmed Ibtisam Hijazi (silver), Sukhvinder Singh (bronze), Sehaj Marwah (bronze), Manan

Singh (bronze), Akshat Kumar (bronze) & Advait Swraj (bronze). U-12 (Girls): Arushi (gold), Ujwal Saini (silver), Omnya Sharma (silver), Anahit Sharma (gold), Anayara Gupta (bronze), Neharika (bronze) & Bhavya Vikas (bronze). U-14 (Girls): Tania Bhagat (gold). U-14 (Boys): Piyush Swroop (gold), Ayush Khajuria (gold) and Shreyas K Sanjeev (sil-

ver). U-16 (Boys): Harshjot Singh Saini (gold), Rajan Singh Saini (gold), Krish Singh Jamwal (gold), Vedhant Khajuria (gold), Arvind Singh (silver), Shivam Kapoor (bronze), Monin Gafoor (bronze) and Pratham Sharma (bronze). U-16 (Girls): Zohra Chouhan (silver).

On the other hand, Rajan Singh Saini, Pratham Sharma and Shivam Kapoor of JKPS Kunjwani has been awarded Black Belt by the Tenshinkan ShotoKan-Ryu Karate Federation of India.

Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK Public School and Principal Rajesh Rathore felicitated the winners in the school assembly.

The school Karate Coach Gopal Das along with Subash Chander, HOD (Sports) were also applauded for this brilliant achievement.

## HPS students shine in National Matsogi-Do Championship

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SAMBA: The students of Humanity Public School (Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana, here brought laurels to the institution by winning one gold, one silver and two bronze medals in 17th National M a t s o g i - D o Championship 2022 which was held at Manohar Parrikar Stadium, Madgaon, Goa recently.

The championship was organized by Matsogi-do Association of Goa in collaboration with Matsogi-Do Federation of India.

In this championship, eight students of the institution participated out of which four got medals. Akriti Charak of third standard clinched the Gold Medal along with a cash prize of Rs.3000,



HPS faculty members felicitating medal winner students.

while Jatin Bhagat of eighth standard won the silver medal along with a cash prize of Rs. 1500 whereas Prince of ninth standard and Rehan of seventh standard got bronze medals.

All the winner students were honoured in the special assembly by the Principal of the School, Gaurav Charak and Vice Principal, Anku Charak in presence of the

Incharges Akashdeep Raina, Keshavraj Sharma, Parsidh Singh, Ajay Sharma, Namrata Sharma, Vandana Sharma, Mahan Singh and all the staff members.

The principal along with the vice principal lauded the coach Nikhil Jaral for his relentless efforts.

He also wished them good luck for the future and hoped to fetch more gold medals.

## GDC Kathua bags JU Gatka trophy



Winner GDC Kathua team after receiving overall trophy.

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JAMMU: Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua bagged men's overall championship trophy while women's title trophy secured by PG Departments of University of Jammu(JU) in the inter-college Gatka competition which was organised by Department of Sports, JU on the campus, here on Tuesday.

In total, 12 teams representing affiliated colleges of JU

took part in this competition in men and women section as part of the annual calendar of activities, a handout issued by JU mentioned. Director Sports of JU, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba encouraged the winners and runners-up teams as also other individuals, who performed well. He also interacted with the technical penal. Also present were Mukesh Sharma, Sanjeev Jamwal, Sonu

Kumari, Dr Shamsher Singh and Jai Bharat. The competition officiated by the technical penal Amarjeet Singh, Lovepreet Singh and Padam Dev Singh.

The Results: MEN: Fari Soti: Team: GDC Kathua, Ist; MBS College of Engineering and Technology Jammu, 2nd and GDC Samba, 3rd. Individual: Manpreet Singh, GDC Kathua, Ist; Jasmeet Singh, PG Departments, 2nd and Gurdeep Singh, GDC Samba, 3rd.

WOMEN: Fari Soti: Team: PG Departments of JU, Ist; GDC Paloura, 2nd and GCW Parade, 3rd. Individual: Nishtha Kour, PG Departments, Ist; Annulya Singh, GCW Parade, 2nd and Shagun Kumar, GDC Paloura, 3rd.

## Table Tennis: Sahil, Bhoota deservingly wear U-13 crowns

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VADODARA: Sahil Rawat of PSPB Academy and Bhoota Raina of Maharashtra lifted the Under-13 Boys and Girls trophies in the UTT National Ranking Championships at the Sama Indoor Complex here on Tuesday.

Without breaking a sweat, Sahil defeated Aditya Das of West Bengal 11-3, 11-8, 11-7, and Bhoota accounted for Ananya Muralidharan of Tamil Nadu, winning the final 11-3, 11-5, 11-3.

Both the winners carried home Rs. 14,400 each, with the runners-up getting Rs. 7,200.

Sahil took under 35 minutes to dispose of Aditya, who struggled right from the word go. Though he man-

aged to put resistance in the second and third games, it was too little to trouble Sahil. On the other hand, it became a cakewalk for Bhoota against the Tamil Nadu girl, who had acquitted herself well until the final.

Sahil Rawat of PSPB continued his fine form to send Shrestho Chakraborty of West Bengal packing in the first semifinal with an easy 3-1 verdict. And Aditya Das, also from Bengal, staved off a looming threat from Ritvik Gupta o J and K to win 3-2 in the second.

Aditya, down 1-2, kept a tight leash on Ritvik in the fourth to win it after some initial struggle before going for the kill in the decider. The quarterfinal outings for boys had earlier turned into a one-

sided affair, and the winners deserved their places.

In the Girls U-13 semifinals, top-seed Bhootha Raina struggled after comfortably leading 2-1 against Shreya Dhar of West Bengal. However, the Maharashtra player showed character and won the decider to seal Shreya's fate. In comparison, Ananya Muraladhiran of Tamil Nadu approached the task more clinically to thrash Ahona Ray 3-0, also from Bengal. Ananya brooked no challenge whatsoever from Ahona.

But the Tamil Nadu girl was stretched full in her quarterfinals by Satya Aspathi from Telangana. Ananya lost the first game closely after the deuce but came back to win the second.

In the third, Satya ran away with a good lead to take the game and add pressure on her rival. Ananya, however, steadied herself to win the next with minimal points and the decider with a lot to spare.

Results: Youth Boys U-13: Final: Sahil Rawat (PSPBA) bt Aditya Das (Ben) 11-3, 11-8, 11-7. Semi-finals: Sahil Rawat bt Shrestho Chakraborty (Ben) 11-6, 11-3, 9-11, 11-8; Aditya Das bt Ritvik Gupta (J-K) 11-4, 8-11, 11-13, 11-9, 11-3. Quarterfinals: Sahil Rawat bt JB Venkatagiri (TNTTA) 7-11, 11-4, 11-4, 11-7; Shrestho Chakraborty bt Ananya Shouren Soman (Mah) 8-11, 11-5, 12-10, 14-12; Ritvik Gupta bt Malav

Panchal (Guj) 11-7, 11-6, 11-7; Aditya Das bt Akash Rajavelu (TNTTA) 12-10, 12-10, 11-4.

Youth Girls U-13: Final: Bhoota Raina (Mah) bt Ananya Murlidharan (TNTTA) 11-3, 11-5, 11-3. Semi-finals: Bhoota Raina bt Shreya Dhar (Ben) 11-9, 11-8, 7-11, 7-11, 11-7; Ananya Muralidharan bt Ahona Ray (Ben) 11-6, 11-8, 11-4. Quarterfinals: Bhoota Raina bt Dhaani Jain (Del) 11-6, 5-11, 11-9, 11-0; Shreya Dhar bt Aankolika Chakraborty (Ben) 7-11, 11-8, 11-6, 6-11, 11-6; Ahona Ray bt Ayushli Singhal (Del) 11-6, 11-4, 11-8; Ananya Muralidharan bt Satya Aspathi (Telg) 10-12, 11-4, 6-11, 11-9, 11-6.

## DIG UR Range interacts with Bharat Darshan Tour participants

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REASI: DIG Udhampur Reasi Range Mohd Suleman Choudhary, had a formal interaction with group of students of Reasi District on their return from Bharat Darshan Tour on Tuesday at District Police Lines Reasi.

On the occasion, the students shared their views and learning experience during the week-long tour to Delhi and Kolkata.

They said that it was a great opportunity for them as they got to know about diverse culture, languages, architecture of the county.

Welcoming the students, the DIG UR Range said that J&K Police is organizing the Bharat Darshan tours for youth/ students of far flung areas



DIG Udhampur Reasi Range Mohd Suleman Choudhary posing with Bharat Darshan Tour team and other officials.

to educate them about our diversified culture and groom them to become good citizens and achieve great heights in future.

He said that travelling to different places is itself a valuable experience during which people get to learn dif-

ferent aspects of life and advised them to share their experience with their families and friends in their schools.

Amit Gupta SSP Reasi briefed that students which was on Bharat Darshan tour visited at North block, South Block, Delhi, National Police

Memorial, Red Fort, India Gate, Jantar Mantar Delhi, President House, Raj Ghat, Museum of Red Fort Delhi, had an interaction with Special Commissioner of Delhi Police and then on their visit to Kolkata by air interacted with Senior Police Officers of Kolkata Police, also visited Victoria Memorial Museum Kolkata, Howrah Bridge, Eco Park, Quest Mall, Zoological Garden Alipore, Science City, Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, Underground Mock-up Coal Mine etc.

Families of participating students appreciated the efforts of District Police Reasi for organizing such a wonderful Bharat Darshan Tour for their wards.

## Republic Day T-20 Cricket Cup Press Club XI drubs Smashers Cricket Club by 20 runs

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JAMMU: Press Club XI defeated Smashers Cricket Club in an easy contest by a margin of 20 runs in the ongoing Republic Day T-20 Cricket Cup being organised by Nirbhay Bharat Foundation at Khelgaon Nagrota, near here.

The slogan of the tournament is "Say no to drugs, yes to sports". Tarun Uppal, Chairman Nirbhay Bharat Foundation was the Chief Guest on the occasion, whereas Sunil Bhagat was the Guest of Honour. Speaking on the occasion, Uppal said that the event



Winners posing along with Chief Guest Tarun Uppal at Khel Gaon Nagrota.

is being organised with an objective to serve a twin purpose of promoting sports in the Union Territory and involving more and more youth in sport-

ing activities to save them from falling prey to drugs and other allied social evils.

He said Khel Gaon has become a sports hub in Jammu and organising mega events in its arena provides ample opportunity to the budding sportspersons to showcase their talent. Sunil said that the sports enthusiasts should adopt sports field for better career progression and work with more zeal and dedication in this field besides terming sports activities vital for maintaining physical and mental well being.

The match was officiated by Sachin Singh and Sunil Thiapa as Umpires, while the tournament is being held under the overall supervision of chief organiser Naven Koul (Sport Secretary Nirbhay Bharat Foundation).

## Ranji Trophy: J&K begins in style after delayed start on day-1

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir opening batters began in style after a delayed start of play on day-1 on Tuesday against Tripura at GGM Science College Hostel Ground, here. Earlier, the wet patches in the outfield forced the umpires to delay the start of the play and the match could begin at 3:30 pm and a game of 24 overs only was possible on day-1 today.

Winning the toss and batting

first, J&K managed to score 52 runs without losing any wicket in 24 overs. Both the openers-skipper Shubham Khajuria and southpaw Abhinav Puri showed application and character in scoring runs at will on a track where an odd ball kept low. Their innings' was amalgam of offence and defence, adjusting themselves in accordance with the requirement of the surface.

Shubham was unbeaten on 23 off 74 balls, studded with 3 fours, while Abhinav was at the

crease on 29 off 70 balls, studded with 4 boundaries. Abhinav Puri, who is playing his second First-Class match, after representing J&K, way back, in 2015-16 Ranji Trophy season, showed guts and grit to tackle the rival bowlers with utmost ease.

Tripura used six bowlers including MB Mura Singh, Rana Dutta, AK Sarkar, RA Dey, AA Das and SS Ghosh, however none of them emerged successful.

## Jodhamal Skaters shine in Nationals at Bangalore

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JAMMU: Karnataka Roller Skating Association (KRSA) in association with India Skate had organised 60th National Roller Skating Championship 2022 which was recently held at Bangalore.

31 skaters of Jodhamal Public School participated in these nationals and represented Jammu & Kashmir team.

The Jodhamal skaters Tabish Haider clinched silver



Jodhamal Public School faculty felicitating winner students.

in 1000 meter race and Ranveer Singh Shan clinched bronze in 200 meter and 100 meter race.

Dhruv Sadotra, Namish Gupta, Aahan Sharma and Gurjas Singh were represented J&K Team in roller