

44th Sub-Junior National Volleyball Championship

J&K boys beat Chandigarh in opening tie



J&K team posing with officials after defeating Chandigarh and organizers felicitating chief guest, Yogeshwar Dutt, Olympic Bronze Medallist.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir defeated Chandigarh in the opening group match in the 44th Sub-Junior National Volleyball Championship for boys and girls at Laxmi Public School, Karkardooma, Delhi on Tuesday.

As per the reports reaching here, J&K boys team made it a 3-1 win in best of four games with set score being 20-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-19.

Yasir Hamid, Harshit Raina, Raghav Tadia and Aman Kumar remained in limelight for their superb display of spikes and blocks thus helped the side to win against Chandigarh.

Placed in Pool-D, J&K shall now meet opponents from Gujarat, Puducherry,

Kanhaiya, Kawal Preet slam tons; Vishal, Rydham impress

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JAMMU: Skipper Kanhaiya Wadhawan and promising Kawal Preet Singh slammed classic centuries and Rydham scored fifty to enable J&K declare their innings at 449/6, while left-arm spinner Vishal Kumar though bowled just two overs in his debut match, yet showed the glimpses of his bright future and impressed one and all against Rajasthan at GGM Science Hostel Ground, here on Tuesday.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 267/3, Jammu and Kashmir rode on a marathon innings of 185 runs by Kawal Preet Singh and classic 118 runs by Kanhaiya Wadhawan to score a big total of 449/6 before declaring their

Cycling team named for Nationals

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JAMMU: Cycling Association of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday announced team for the 27th Senior, Junior and Sub Junior National Road Cycling Championships to be held at Sinner, Nashik in Maharashtra from January 7 to 10.

Soon after the team named by the Association, the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) conducted screening of the selected players in the presence of officials.

The Team: Elite Category: Waheed Ahmad Ganie, Bazil Ahmad, Adil

Debutant Mavi stars in India's two-run win over Sri Lanka

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MUMBAI: Shivam Mavi made a dream debut with a relentless display of fast-bowling as his four-wicket haul made the difference in India's narrow two-run win over a spirited Sri Lanka in the first T20I here on Tuesday.

India batters found the Sri Lankan spinners hard to put away before Deepak Hooda (41 not out off 23) and Axar Patel

(31 not out off 20) took the hosts to 162 for five. The Sri Lankans surely had the firepower to chase down 163 but Mavi's strikes at front and back end of the innings tilted the game in favour of the home team. The game went down to the wire with spinner Axar Patel managing to defend 13 runs in the final over. Mavi ended with enviable figures of four for 22 in four overs.

J&K masters roller hockey became National champion for the 4th consecutive year

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JAMMU: In the recently concluded 60th National Roller Skating championship at Bengaluru, the masters Roller Hockey team of J&K again retained the champions title for the 4th consecutive year under the captaincy of International player Rajesh Anand (DYSP, J&K Police).

It is important to mention here that the J&K Masters team did not even lose their single match for the last 4 years in the Nationals.

J&K team after receiving medals at national championship.

The members of the gold medal winning team were Anksu Kohli, Dr. Rai Brinder Singh, Ranveer

Sharma, Gagan Singh Jamwal, Arvin Singh, Vikram Gupta, Sanjeev Kumar and Sunil Pargal.

toes.

The J&K teams are accompanied by Subhash Kumar Sharma, Neloofar Habib, Muluk Raj Sharma, Neha Bhagat, Anil Kumar and Sageer Ahmed as managers and coaches respectively.

Meanwhile, Patron-in-Chief Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK), Raj Daluja, President Sidharth Daluja and other office bearers congratulated the boys team and coach while wishing them better performance in subsequent matches.

Today's results BOYS: Punjab defeated Odisha 3-0 (25-10, 25-15, 25-19); Telangana beat Himachal Pradesh 3-1 (20-25, 25-21, 25-18, 25-21); Manipur beat Assam 3-0 (25-15, 25-21, 25-14); Uttar Pradesh

beat Jharkhand 3-0 (25-13, 25-15, 25-18); Uttarakhand beat Bihar 3-0 (25-17, 25-19, 25-16); Tamil Nadu beat West Bengal 3-2 (25-21, 15-23, 22-25, 25-19, 15-10); Jammu and Kashmir beat Chandigarh 3-1 (20-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-19); Gujarat beat Maharashtra 3-1 (26-28, 25-15, 26-24, 25-14).

GIRLS: Telangana beat Pondicherry 3-0 (25-15, 25-15, 25-16); Gujarat beat Odisha 3-0 (25-09, 25-17, 25-10); Himachal Pradesh beat Jharkhand 3-0 (25-23, 25-09, 25-07); Rajasthan beat Assam 3-0 (25-08, 25-10, 25-16); Punjab beat Bihar 3-0 (25-06, 25-06, 25-22); Uttar Pradesh beat Maharashtra 3-1 (25-13, 25-15, 21-25, 25-11); Delhi beat Karnataka 3-1 (25-16, 25-16, 24-26, 25-17).

Directorate of Tourism organises trekking from Kattal Battal to Aithem

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JAMMU: Under the aegis of Department of Tourism, J&K, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu in collaboration with State Taxes Department, J&K organized a one day trek from Katal Batal, Nagrota to Aithem via Pehad Devta. Over 80 participants undertook the hiking activity. The trekking expedition was flagged off by the Commissioner, State Taxes Department, J&K Dr. Rashmi Singh in presence of the Director Tourism, Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes Department, Tax Planning, Policy and Advance ruling J&K, Ankita Kar, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes Department, Namrita Dogra and all the Deputy Commissioners of State Taxes Department, J&K.

The trekkers covered the trek route through fields, thick vegetation and after crossing a number of brooks to reach the shrine. Later, some of the participants visited Aithem view point. Aithem which is already known for paragliding activities is also listed among 75 Off Beat tourist destinations of Jammu region.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest said that the activity has been planned as a recreational activity to promote fitness of body, alertness of mind and dutifulness of soul and it has been planned to highlight the broad message that youth must befriend the nature as a counsellor to overcome anxiety, stress etc.

She requested the participants to be the brand ambassadors of the revered trekking trail and promote the adventurous activity among Katal Batal.

In the local folk lore and methodology, Baba Pehad Nag



Commissioner, STD J&K Dr. Rashmi Singh and Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai and others during flagging off trakkers.

youth. With the start of the New Year, this activity shall help the participants to reestablish a connection between mind, body and spirit, said Director Tourism, Jammu.

Mountains of Bhaderwah to Jammu with the help of Kalivir Devta and blessings of Kalika Mata. The place where Shrine is situated is known as Pehad village. The shrine is atop a big rock on the base of which is the River Tawi. Beneath the temple is a large and deep water body known as 'Dawar' abounding with Fish which is revered as Devta.

The trekking expedition which was coordinated by Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, along with Deputy Director Publicity, Abdul Jabbar, was appreciated by all the Senior Officers/Officials of State Taxes Department, J&K.

J&K eves lose to Assam in close contest

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir eves lost to Assam in a close contest by 3 wickets in the U-15 Women's One Day Trophy at Sanosara Cricket Ground Rajkot. Earlier, batting first, J&K scored a modest total of 118/7 in 35 overs.

Manya Banotra top scored with 32 runs off 40 balls, studded with 6 boundaries, while Shambhavi Rajput

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JAMMU: Middle-order batsman, Mohammad Saif slammed a marathon century to guide Railways to a decent score of 322/8 in 85 overs on day-1 of the Ranji Trophy Elite Group-D match at Lalbhai Contractor Stadium, Surat on Tuesday.

At one point of time, Railways were struggling at 136/5 in 42.2 overs, but Saif played a magnificent innings of 161 runs off 216 balls, studded with 23 boundaries, while Vivek Singh (32), MR Raut (22), skipper Upendra Yadav (21) and SS Yadav (20) were the other contractors.

Saif remained unconquered at 161 runs, while Akash Pandey was unbeaten on 23 runs at the draw of stumps.

For J&K, left-arm spinner Abid Mushtaq was again the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 wickets by conceding 76 runs in his 22 overs, while speedsters Umar Nazir and Auqib Nabi bagged 2 wickets each. Another seam bowler, Mohammad Tahir also claimed one wicket.

Another opening batsman Vivek Singh and number-4 Mohammad Saif consolidated the innings and took the score to 75 before Singh departed at his individual score of 32 runs.

Ranji Trophy: Saif slams marathon ton as Railways score 322/8 against J&K

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Earlier, winning the toss

and batting first, Railways

suffered two early jolts and

were 14/2 in 6.2 overs as

Speedster Umar Nazir

again produced a fiery and

lethal opening spell, removing

Railways opener Shivam

Choudhary (0) and Pratham

Singh (12), thus strength

ening rather cementing his

place in J&K's Ranji trophy

squad among a battery of

genuine quick bowlers.

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Youth Festival: Artistists exhibit cultural diversity of J&K on day-2

Carry forward legacy of Swami Vivekananda

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JAMMU: Young and expe

rienced artists drawn

from various districts of

twin divisions exhibited

the cultural diversity of

the Union Territory of

Jammu and Kashmir and

also portrayed picture of

unity in diversity through

their performances on

day-2 of the 5-day long

Inter-District UT Level

Youth Festival, being

organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports at Teachers Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar, here.

The event is a selection/preparation camp for the artistic youth of

Jammu and Kashmir to

get the nod of the adjudicators for their selection

in the National Youth

Festival to be held at

Hugli in Karnataka from

January 12 to 16, 2023.

The National Youth

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commemorate the Birth

Anniversary of Swami

Vivekananda from

January 12 to 16, 2023 with

the aim to promote the

concept of National

Integration, spirit of com

munal harmony and bro

therhood among the

youth from different states

of India to showcase their

cultural prowess on a common

platform.

A vibrant culture was

exhibited through

Kashmiri, Pahadi, Gojri,

Paadri, Dogri,

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