

# VAJK felicitates Jammu District team

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) on Tuesday felicitated the Jammu District team for retaining the 35th J&K Senior (Men) Volleyball Championship in the three-day event which held at Chogul Maidan in district Kupwara of Kashmir Division.

In total, 21 teams, including the departmental side of J&K Police took part in this competition.

The winning team presented a cash prize of Rs 5,000 by Treasurer of the Association, Ramesh Sharma.

Among the outstanding players who were honored included Mannat Choudhary, International player; Parvinder Singh and Vipan Sharma at MA Stadium.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramesh Sharma congratulated the Jammu team for



VAJK office bearers felicitating Jammu District team for retaining 35th J&K Senior (Men) Volleyball Championship.

their splendid performance in championship and urged upon them to scale new heights in the coming days.

Kuldip Magotra CEO VAJK presented a brief note of the J&K championship. Also present were H.S Gill, executive vice president VAJK; Rajiv Dogra, Naresh

Kumar and Mulkhraj Sharma.

The winning team also interacted with Divisional Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Baljinder Singh.

On the occasion Pararcher Sheetal Devi, who hails from Kishtwar Distt.

honored with Arjuna Award from President Droupadi Murmu today at Delhi was also congratulated by Vijay Kumar Magotra General Secretary Volleyball Association of J&K for her outstanding contribution at International level in the field of Archery.

# Jindrah speed skater wins silver in Nationals

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Roller Athlete Skating Club, Jindrah's, speed skater M aster Abhinav Bakshi added a n o t h e r feather in his cap by winning prestigious Silver medal in the recently concluded 61st National roller skating championship which was held at Chandigarh/Chennai.

He participated in 1000 Meters race and clinched the second place.

The members of the club and his school Shaurya international appreciated the efforts of Abhinav as well as their parents and wished them good luck for the next championships.



# 2nd Masters Inter State Series cricketers call on LG

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Cricketers, who were in Jammu City to participate in the 2nd Masters Inter State Cricket Championship, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, here on Tuesday.

The Cricketers including Sukhdev Singh Ghuman Captain, Dinesh Sharma Vice Captain of MP Superstars and Rajesh Gill former Ranji player and Captain of J&K Horizon Stars apprised the Lieutenant Governor about the championship and its objective being covered under the 2nd J&K Masters Inter State Cricket Championship.

Rajesh Gill also apprised the Lieutenant Governor that the organizers are aiming to invite International



2nd Masters Inter State Cricket Championship cricketers calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Cricket team in the month of April, 2024 for organizing the T20 matches and one day matches at Jammu and Indore (MP) and the support & guidance from the administration shall be highly solicited for the smooth conduct of the event at Jammu.

The Lieutenant Governor, while appreciating the crick-

eters for their efforts in promotion of cricket, assured all support of the administration for furthering the cause of sports.

The visiting delegation also expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor for the support provided by the J&K Sports Council to various sporting initiatives at the community level.

# Hari Singh felicitates Silambam Athletes for outstanding performance at 5th Asian Championship

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of JKPC, today honored the outstanding Silambam athletes who showcased unparalleled skill and dedication at the recently concluded 5th Asian Silambam Championship in Tamil Nadu from December 26th to December 29th, 2023. The felicitation ceremony was held at Jammu North Assembly segment, showcasing the remarkable talents and dedication of the Indian team.

The felicitation event, held in the presence of esteemed coaches Rajneesh Gupta and Jai Gupta, witnessed the recognition of the exemplary achievements of the Indian Silambam team.

Dignitaries, including Jitender Kumar, Sh. Virender Singh (President of the Association), Kaka Ram (General Secretary of the Association), and Sunil Singh (Youth President, Jammu North), joined Hari Singh Chib in acknowledging the athletes for their stellar performances on the international stage.

Gold Medalist Naresh Kumar and Silver Medalists Malika Bhagat, Riya Choudhary, and Palak Choudhary were lauded for their exceptional prowess in



Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of JKPC honouring Silambam athletes.

the ancient martial art form. The Bronze Medalists, including Pulkit Singh, Sant Kumar, Shrawan Singh, Bharat Gupta, Pulastya Koushal, and Maneet Kumar, were also recognized for their dedication and contribution to India's success at the championship.

Speaking on the occasion, Hari Singh Chib expressed profound appreciation for the athletes, emphasizing the significance of their accomplishments in promoting the cultural heritage embedded in Silambam. He highlighted the need for continued support and encour-

agement for traditional martial arts, recognizing them as vital elements of India's rich legacy.

Hari Singh Chib, recognizing the untapped potential within the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, urged the government to extend comprehensive support and assistance to budding players.

Emphasizing the immense talent that resides within the region, Chib underscored the necessity of providing these young athletes with the necessary platforms and resources to hone their skills.

# Andravi elected president of Mountaineering body Pulwama



Newly elected members of District Mountaineering Association, Pulwama posing for a group photograph.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Mohammad Hussain Andravi, a great sports enthusiast, has been unanimously elected as the president of District Mountaineering Association, Pulwama in an election meeting held today.

Syed Abdul Mohsin, a highly trained and experienced

mountaineer was elected as general secretary of the Association. Whereas Shakir Maqbool was unanimously elected as vice president, Yawar Ahmad Reshi, a sport climber and Mir Saima an avid trekker were elected as joint secretary and treasurer of the district association respectively.

Five members of the Executive body which included Sabiya Jan, Mohd Ashraf Sofi, Masood Ahmad Rather, Aqeel Ul Islam and Sonia Jan were also unanimously elected. Khurshed Ahmad Laigaroo, vice president of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK) was the observer from

Mountaineering Association of J&K, Syed Mukhtar Andravi, a reputed social worker of Pulwama was the returning officer.

Syed Abdul Mohsin, the newly elected general secretary addressing the members thanked them for the trust they had imposed in him and announced that very soon a meeting of the Association shall be held to devise ways and means to give more thrust to adventure activities especially sport climbing so as to produce national champions and international climbers.

Khurshed Ahmad expressed his gratitude to the members for the smooth conduct of the elections and promised all possible help from the Association for promotion of adventure activities in Pulwama district.

# J&K contingent for National Youth Festival flagged off Taekwondo trials on Jan 13

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The 62-member J&K UT contingent for National Youth Festival was flagged off by the Director Youth Services and Sports, Subash Chander Chibber in the presence of Joint Director Youth Services and Sports (Jammu), Suram Chand Sharma from Youth Hostel Nagrota, here this morning.

The contingent has left for Nashik, Maharashtra to participate in the prestigious Festival which will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi on January 12, 2024.

The National Youth Day is



J&K contingent for National Youth Festival posing alongwith JD YSS Jammu before leaving for Nashik.

celebrated on January 12 to highlight the youths who are the future of our country and to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda who always motivated the youth of the country

and spoke about the right use of the youth in the development of the country.

The National Youth Festival is organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India in collaboration with one of the state governments and is held in a different state each year during National Youth Week, 12-16 January every year.

Young and experienced artists from across the Union

Territory after performing diverse forms of classical and folk dances and songs were selected by a panel of experts to participate in this mega event.

"The participating artists have been selected on merit after performing in the Inter-District competitions at the twin divisions of the UT before the State Level competitions," said Chibber.

The Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Sharma said that the National Youth Festival serves as a launching pad for folk and classical artists of the country to showcase their talent at the higher levels.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Taekwondo Association of J&K is going to conduct selection trials of Sub-Junior, Cadet & Junior (Kyorugi & Poomsae) Team under the aegis of India Taekwondo on 13th of January 2024 at Ganesha Martial Arts Academy, Nanak Nagar, Jammu.

According to a handout issued by the Association, the said selection trials are open for all Sub Junior, Cadet & Junior Taekwondo players.

The selected players will represent J&K in the

upcoming 2nd Sub-Junior, Cadet & Junior Taekwondo Championship 2023-24.

"A selection committee has already been framed for the smooth conduct of the trials and fair selection of the players. Taekwondo Association of J&K is committed to support the athletes of J&K and will hold fair selection trails for the nationals.

Those players who want to take part in the trials can contact Mukesh Thakur - Incharge trials Committee and register themselves by or before

11th of January 2024.

For fulfilling the eligibility criteria, the players should possess Aadhar Card, Domicile Certificate and can send all these documents on the email- taekwondojk1@gmail.com

There won't be any on-the-spot registration. All the players must register online via contacting Qumiti Lal Jain (Mob No. - 9103439965), Mukesh Thakur (Mob No. - 9419122640), Ravinder Sharma (Mob. No. - 9149826972), Harsh Vardhan Raina (Mob. No. - 6006131434).

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# J&K UT Tennis Ball U-14 Boys Cricket team leaves for Nationals

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Selected by the Jammu and Kashmir Tennis Ball Cricket Association (JKTBCCA) and screened by Baljinder Pal Singh, Divisional Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council (JKSC), the Mini National (Under 14 Boys) Tennis Ball Cricket team on Tuesday left for the participation in the 7th Mini National (Boys) Tennis Ball Cricket Championship to be held at Rudrapur in Uttarakhand from January 11 to 13, 2024.



J&K UT Tennis ball cricket team posing with dignitaries before leaving for Nationals.

The screening of the team was done in presence of Baljinder Pal Singh Divisional Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council,

Fayaz A. Wani General Secretary JKTBCCA, B.K Tickoo Working President JKTBCCA, G.N Punoo Member JKTBCCA and

Gulshan Rattan District Secretary Jammu.

Imtiyaz Ahmad and Muzaffer Ahmed accompanying the team as Coach & Manager respectively. The contingent comprising of 14 players and two officials.

TEAM: Mujtaba Hassan, Shahid Usman, Mohsin Hassan, Suhaib Shabir, Abrar Rashid, Zaid Ahmed, Jazib Hussain, Farhan Hussain, Mohd Sufiyan, Mir Hamza, Prince Burhan, Syed Sinan, Mir Hatim and Syed Shiyam.

# Diu Beach Games 2024: Creating history, J&K volleyball beach team enters semis

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Creating history, the J&K volleyball team entered the maiden semifinal of Diu Beach Games 2024, India's first-ever multi-sport beach games, held at Ghoghla Beach in Diu, a blue flag-certified beach.

It is proud moment for Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir as well Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir that two of its player Intiaz Bhat & Sayed Asgar entered the beach volleyball semifinal in the Diu Beach Games 2024.

The duo, Intiaz Bhat & Sayed Asgar, played a brilliant game and



won the match against Gujarat by 2-0 (21-11, 21-15) and also defeated Pondicherry by 2-0 (21-18, 21-19). Earlier, J&K Team outplayed Uttar Pradesh in inaugural match by 2-0 (21-18, 21-12).

Patron VAJK, Raj Daluja, President, Sidharth Daluja, Senior Vice President, H.S Gill, Chief Executive Officer, Kuldip Magotra, Hony. General Secretary, Vijay Kumar Magotra and Treasurer, R.C Sharma congratulated the team and the Coach for their excellent performance and wished them for good results in the forthcoming matches in the championship.

# Raj Bhawan bids farewell to Minga Sherpa



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha according farewell to Minga Sherpa, who served as Addl Secy at LG's Secretariat.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the officers of Raj Bhawan on Tuesday bid farewell to Minga Sherpa, who served as Additional Secretary at the Lt Governor's Secretariat.

The Lt Governor complimented Minga Sherpa for his professional conduct and sincere dedication towards work. He felicitated Minga Sherpa and wished him good health and all the success in future.

# Abid Rasheed tours premier health facilities in Jammu

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Secretary Health & Medical Education, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah conducted a comprehensive inspection of Government Medical College Jammu & Associated Hospitals on Tuesday to gain a firsthand understanding of the operation of these premier health facilities in Jammu region.

At the Bone & Joint Hospital in Bakshi Nagar; he received a briefing on the newly inaugurated hospital block and the installation of equipment.

Accompanied by Principal & Dean GMC Jammu, Dr Ashutosh Gupta, HoD Orthopaedics Dr Sanjeev Gupta, of Medical Superintendents of Associated Hospitals, Heads of Departments, senior pro-



Secretary H&ME, Dr S.A.R Shah inspecting works in Government hospital.

fessors, doctors, and other stakeholders, he toured the 200-bedded health facility.

Secretary explored the entire hospital building, inspecting departments such as Out Patient Department, Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, oxygen plant site, CT Scan room, and patient wards to gain firsthand experience of the health and medical

facilities provided.

Engaging with staff, doctors, paramedics, patients, and attendants, he inquired about infrastructure and other facility needs to enhance patient care.

Speaking to stakeholders, Dr Abid Rasheed emphasized the significance of health services in the government, expressing the administra-

tion's commitment to people's well-being. The purpose of the inspection was to address issues faced by doctors, paramedics, patients, and attendants and explore ways to enhance facilities, he added.

"Our goal is to ensure the best patient care and well-being. Providing state-of-the-art health facilities should be our primary focus and duty," he stated.

Highlighting the importance of facilities like B&J Hospital, recently operationalized and dedicated to the public, he expressed hope that it would become a premier health institute not only in J&K but in the entire country.

Subsequently, he visited the State Cancer Institute Jammu, inspecting all blocks and sections while engaging

with doctors, paramedics, and patients to understand the provided facilities.

At the 100-bedded SCI, advanced medical equipment, including PET Scan, Linear Accelerators with IMRT, IGRT, SRT facility, Brachytherapy Machine, and CT Simulator, is being installed for the benefit of cancer patients.

Dr Abid Rasheed stressed the institute's aim to provide the best possible cancer treatment to the underprivileged. He interacted with medical professionals in OPD, Radiation Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Palliative/Pain Clinic to gather inputs for optimal treatment.

Additionally, he visited GMC Jammu hostel, assessing facilities for medical students and addressing their

concerns.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Abid Rasheed held a meeting to review the functioning of Ayushman Bharat PAMJAY Sehat in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting covered scheme details, its current status in the Union Territory, implementation structure at State and district levels, and policy-wise premium payment to insurance companies. In his address, Secretary H&ME emphasized the cardinal nature of AB PMJAY and urged officers to ensure its effective implementation, benefiting the entire population of J&K.

The meeting was attended by Chief Executive Officer State Health Agency, Director Finance, State Nodal Officer, State Grievance Nodal Officer, and other concerned.