

# Countdown begins for Khelo India Edition-4 at Gulmarg



DC Baramulla, Minga Sherpa chairing a meeting.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: In preparation of the 4th edition of Khelo India National Winter Games at Gulmarg, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa on Monday convened a meeting of concerned officers at Golf Club Gulmarg to take stock of various arrangements put in place for holding the games.

During the meeting, the DC conducted a thorough review of arrangements related to the successful conduct of the National Winter Games. He issued directives to the concerned departments, urging them to adopt a cohesive approach to ensure the event's resounding success.

Emphasizing on comprehensive planning, the DC underscored the importance of making all essential arrangements, such as health provisions, accommodation, sanitation, traffic regulation, lodging and other facilities well in advance with a focus on seamless execution.

Minga Sherpa further highlighted a pivotal role the

National Games play in promoting the tourism sector. He stressed the significance of successfully conducting the games, as it would subsequently enhance tourist influx which will help in boosting the economy of the district.

The meeting was attended by Chief Executive Officer Gulmarg Development Authority, Sub Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg, Syed Altaf, Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Muazzam Ali, District Youth Service and Sports Officer, officials from JSD, R&B, JKPDCL and other concerned departments.

Later, the DC met hoteliers of Gulmarg and urged them to ensure the availability of accommodations for athletes, spectators, and guests visiting the place during the sporting events. The hoteliers also presented certain issues and grievances, to which the DC assured prompt resolution.

# Ranji Trophy: Brilliant Samad, gutsy Auqib fashion J&K's emphatic win over Odisha

## Rohit, Umar's bowling display cast spell on rivals

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**CUTTACK:** Abdul Samad played a match winning knock of unconquered 66 runs, while Auqib Nabi after taking four wickets played a gutsy innings of 28 runs on a batters' nightmare after pace bowling quartet of Rohit Sharma, Umar Nazir, Auqib and Umran Malik demolished rivals with their lethal spells to fashion J&K's 2-wicket victory over Odisha in a low scoring match of Ranji Trophy Elite Group-D at DRIEMS Ground Cuttack on Monday.

Chasing a target of 149 runs, J&K were in troubling waters at 39/4 in 15.3 overs at one stage before Abdul Samad and Auqib Nabi salvaged the sinking ship and consolidated the innings to take the score to 105/5 in 31 overs before the latter's dismissal. Finally Samad (66\*) and Umran Malik (07\*) took their team to home. Samad took 83 balls and hit 7 fours and 2 sixes in



J&K team posing for photograph with officials after winning the match in Ranji Trophy.

his splendid knock, while Auqib struck 4 fours in his 55-ball knock. Shubham Singh Pundir also contributed 18 runs to the winning total.

Medium pacer Rajesh Mohanty captured 5 wickets for Odisha, while Sunil Kumar Roul bagged 3 wickets.

Earlier, Sandeep Pattanaik rode on his luck and slammed a century to help Odisha to set a decent target of 149 runs for J&K on this bowling friendly track. Pattanaik who was overnight unbeaten on 47 runs off 108 balls, scored 100

runs off 187 balls, studded with 17 boundaries, while Suryakant Pradhan contributed valuable 34 runs off 49 balls including one four and one six. Anurag Sarangi (16) was the only other batter to cross double figure mark.

For J&K, medium pacer Auqib Nabi bagged 4 wickets by giving away 73 runs in 19 overs, while Umar Nazir took 3 wickets by conceding 36 runs in 15 overs. Rohit Sharma bagged 2 wickets and tear-away fast bowler Umran Malik claimed one. Rohit had a match haul of 7 wickets,

Umar 5, Auqib 4 and Umran 3 wickets.

Earlier, in the first innings J&K had managed to score 180 runs against Odisha's first innings' total of 130 runs to gain a crucial 50-run lead. Abid had shown stellar grit and tenacity to notch up a power-packed half-century, scoring 50 runs off 51 balls studded with 7 fours and one six, while Shubham Singh Pundir had contributed valuable 34 runs and Umar Nazir chipped in with brisk 25 runs to the total.

For his outstanding bowling

show, Rohit Sharma was declared as the man of the match.

"#Ranji Trophy 2023-24. Well played J&K. Win over Odisha paves the way for March ahead. Excellent team effort with a few brilliant individual performances. The bowling unit is bowling like real champions. Well played the Team. Samad, Rohit, Nazir, Auqib, Umran need a special mention," tweeted Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA.

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Ajay Sharma as the Head Coach, Krishna Kumar as Bowling Coach, Dishant Yagnik as Fielding Coach, Hiral Zargar as Manager, Sandeep Singh Sunny as Co-Manager, Sushel Pajnu as Performance/Video Analyst, Pawan Kumar as Strength & Conditioning Coach, Chirag Pandya as Physio and Naresh as Masseur.

# Jammu to host 72nd All India Police Hockey C'ship from Jan 29; arrangements reviewed

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Additional Director General of Police Armed J&K, S.J.M.Gillani on Monday chaired a meeting of officers at Conference Hall APHQ J&K Jammu to review the arrangements for 72nd All India Police Hockey Championship 2023-24 being hosted by Jammu & Kashmir Police at Jammu from January 29 to February 8, 2024.

During the meeting, ADGP Armed J&K took stock of all the arrangements and preparations made by the different committees in connection with smooth and successful conduct of the event.

The concerned committee heads briefed the ADGP Armed with regard to the necessary arrangements/preparations being made for



ADGP Armed J&K, S.J.M.Gillani chairing a meeting on Monday.

smooth conduct of the event and put forth their suggestions/feedback.

The ADGP Armed J&K issued appropriate directions/instructions to the concerned committees relating to their respective assignments.

Earlier, Kuldeep Handoo-DySP (Sports) APHQ appraised about the arrange-

ments assigned to different officers for smooth and successful conduct of the event.

The officers who attended the meeting include, Sunil Kumar ADGP Railway J&K, Vijay Kumar ADGP L&O J&K, Anand Jain ADGP Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti IGP Hqs PHQ J&K/IGP Traffic J&K, M.N Tiwari IGP AP/IR Jammu, Sarah

Rizvi DIG IR Jammu, Nisha Nathiyal IPS DIG Armed Jammu, Javid Iqbal Matoo DIG Crime J&K, Dr. Abishiekh Mahajan-AIG Welfare PHQ J&K, Sargun Shukla SSP PCR Jammu, Zahid Manhas CO SDRF 2nd Bn, Shamsheer Hussain SSP Security Jammu, Mahmood Ahmed-SSP Staff Officer to ADGP Armed

J&K, Mumtaz Ahmed CO 1st Border Bn, Tahir Sajad Bhat-SSP CO JKAP 8th Bn, Ramesh Chander-SSP CO IR 1st Bn, Manoj Kumar-AIG Communication PHQ J&K, Sukhdev Raj-SSP CO IR 7th Bn, Abrar Ahmad Choudhary-SSP CO IR-12th Bn, Kulbir Singh-SSP CO IR-18th Bn, Faisal Qureshi SSP Traffic Jammu, Shahzad Ahmad Salaria-SSP APCR Jammu, Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu, Gurpreet Singh Vice President Hockey J&K, Supinderdeep Singh General Secretary Hockey J&K, Syed Sajad Hussain Pvt. Secretary to ADGP Armed J&K, Abdul Hamid DySP Pers. APHQ, and other Officers.

# Powerlifting Association of J&K discusses upcoming events arrangements



Powerlifting Association of J&K members during a meeting on Monday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Under the banner of Indian Powerlifting Federation (IPF) a meeting was organized by Powerlifting Association of J&K to discuss the upcoming events of the powerlifting.

"In today's world majority of the youngsters are drug addicted we want the youth to participate more and

more, make their future bright and make the J&K UT and the country proud," President Amit Datta said.

President Amit Datta and General Secretary Rakesh Kumar said that the dates of upcoming District and State championship will be announced soon.

Officials who were present in the meeting was Rajat

Solan, Dr. Vikram Slathia, Karamjeet Singh, Ajmer Singh, Rakesh, Harshit Sharma, Sanehit Kalotra, Surinder Dogra, Shobit Verma, Varun Deep Sharma, Vijay Kumar, Gagandeep Singh, Mohinder Sharma, Media Secretary, Atul Gupta and Vishal Sharma and Legal Advisor Adv Koushal Parihar.

# Four players from J&K named in Specially Abled men's India team

### ■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

**SREINAGAR:** Four Kashmiri boys have made their entry in Indian Specially abled Men's Team for the five-match T20 series against England to be played in Ahmadabad between January 28 and February 06.

The series is being organized by the Differently Abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI), supported by BCCI. Wasim Iqbal (batsman); Jaffer Amin Bhat (batsmen); Majid Ahmad Magray (off spinner); and Amir Hasan (fast bowler) have been selected for Team India Squad.

The team members include Vikrant Keni (captain), Wasim Iqbal (vice-captain), Swapnil Munghel, Shanmugam D, Jaffar Amin Bhat, Radhika Prasad, Ravindra Sante, Yogendra B,



Lokesh Marghade, Majid Ahmad Magray, Pawan Kumar, Mohd Sadiq, Durvuru Akhil Reddy, Aamir Hassan, Sunny, Shiv Shankara GS, who belongs from Mumbai, Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Haryana, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Narendra Modi Stadium, will host last match of the five-match series along with the closing ceremony on February

06. Similarly, the first two matches will be played in the Narendra Modi Stadium Complex, in their 'B' ground, while third and fourth match will be held in the Gujarat College and Railway Ground, respectively.

Ahead of the series, a week-long training camp was held in Rajasthan Royals High Performance Centre in Nagpur from January 14 to 20.

# VAJK condoles demise of Kuldeep Singh

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**JAMMU:** The office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K on Monday deeply condole the sudden demise of Kuldeep Singh, a veteran volleyball player of Udhampur Distt, who represented the erstwhile state of J&K in number of National Volleyball Championships.

They prayed for the noble soul to rest in peace. The contribution of Kuldeep Singh for promotion of sports in general and volleyball in particular shall always be remembered, they said.

# DM Jammu reviews arrangements for JKSSB exam

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** District Magistrate, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today convened a meeting of concerned officers here in 'Teachers' Bhawan to review the arrangements for OMR based written examination for the post of Accounts Assistant (Finance) of J&K Service Selection Board, scheduled to be held on Jan 28, 2024 in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Magistrate Anusya Janwal, Regional Transport Officer, Chief Education Officer JK Padha, Member JKSSB Atul Kumar and other concerned.

The DM was briefed by ADM with respect to the status of arrangements at 87 examination centres set up across the district for 33793 candidates. The Centre Superintendents, Observers, Magistrates for each centre



District Magistrate Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting.

have been nominated and briefed with respect to their roles and responsibilities.

The meeting discussed various aspects of the examination process, such as security arrangements, logistics for transportation, safekeeping of examination material and efficient traffic management, role and responsibilities of manpower; the arrangement for basic facilities, pre and post exam procedures.

The DM stressed that free, fair and transparent exams

are the top most priority of the District Administration and any laxity in following SOPs of conduct of examination will be dealt with strictly.

He emphasized the importance of time, urging all officers and staff to strictly adhere to the timeline. Additionally, he stressed the need for thorough frisking of both male and female candidates and their belongings to ensure no candidate enters the exam center without proper screening.

The DM directed the concerned officers to facilitate the candidates and make the process smooth and seamless.

During the meeting, the RTO Jammu was directed to ensure proper transportation arrangements to the designated examination centres and lifting of the material.

Similarly, the Heads of Institutions were directed to ensure proper arrangements at exam centres.

# Workshop on 'Healthcare Leadership, Operational Excellence and Digitalisation' begins



Prof Amrik Sohal (Monash University, Australia) and Dr Kamal Gulati (AIIMS-Delhi), including Prof Julie Davies (University College London) and Prof Chris Hicks (Newcastle University, UK) with Jammu AIIMS Jammu faculty at a workshop.

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**JAMMU:** Workshop on "Healthcare Leadership, Operational Excellence and Digitalisation" being supported by Chevening Alumni Programme Fund commenced on Monday at Jammu.

Healthcare experts from Australia, the United Kingdom and India arrived in Jammu over the weekend to participate in a two-day workshop tailored for AIIMS-Jammu and other local healthcare providers/hospitals.

The workshop includes keynote presentations and

roundtable discussion sessions on various topics related to leadership, improvements, and digitalisation.

Mentoring emerging female leaders is a special feature of the workshop. It includes knowledge-building exercises and the development of pilot projects that will eventually be implemented by AIIMS-Jammu.

Director of AIIMS-Jammu, Prof Dr Shakti Gupta, inaugurated the workshop on Monday; Prof Y.K. Gupta, President of AIIMS-Jammu, delivered the

keynote address.

This workshop is building upon the highly successful one-day workshop held in February 2023 which was organised by Prof Amrik Sohal from Monash Business School, Monash University, Australia.

The previous workshop focussed on "Building Lean, Green and Digital Hospitals."

In this workshop, the focus is on building the necessary capability to enhance hospital leadership, undertake process improvements and start the process of digitalisation of all administrative processes.

The British High Commission in New Delhi and Chevening Alumni Programme Fund are also associated with the programme.

The visit to Jammu has been coordinated by Prof Amrik Sohal (Monash University, Australia) and Dr Kamal Gulati (AIIMS-Delhi), including Professor Julie Davies (University College London) and Prof Chris Hicks (Newcastle University, UK).

Faculty, Staff and Doctoral/MBA students from IIM-Jammu and IIT-Jammu are also taking part in this two-day workshop.

The international delegation will also be visiting IIM-Jammu campus and take part in a half-day workshop on "Doing Research in the Health Sector".

They will be visiting the new AIIMS-Jammu campus at Vijaypur where they will have discussions with staff of various departments.

# SDM Jammu North seizes vehicles involved in illegal mining

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Jammu North, Nitish Rajora on Monday conducted impromptu inspections that uncovered multiple instances of unauthorised mining activities involving heavy machinery.

At Kangraal, 2 earth movers (JCB) and 1 dumper were seized for engaging in



mining activities without the requisite permissions.

A similar situation unfolded in Jandyal, where 1 Earth Mover was seized.

Additionally, 1 dumper each was confiscated at Ghaink and Bhalwal for indulging in unauthorised transportation of minor minerals, lacking valid permissions.

# Com Secy inaugurates IIT-J's Leadership Bootcamp Vidyabhiraama'24

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**JAMMU:** The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu marked a historic milestone with successful commencement of its inaugural Leadership Bootcamp, Vidyabhiraama'24, here on Monday.

Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, who inaugurated the event, addressed the participants and expressed his views on the subject. He hoped that the Bootcamp will further add to the knowledge of the participants regarding different aspects of leadership.



The event witnessed informative lectures by eminent speakers, including Dr. Barnali Chaudhary, Assistant Professor, IIM Jammu, Dr. Amitash Ojha, Assistant

Professor, IIT Jammu, Dr. Javed Mohammad Iqbal, Assistant Professor, University of Ladakh, and Praveen Bangera Founder, XVERSE Limited.

Attended by 41 participants from renowned institutes of Jammu including GGM Science College, J&K College of BBA, SMVDU Katra, MIET Jammu, and IIT Jammu itself, among others, this one day bootcamp featured insightful guest talks, followed by sessions addressing 10 problem statements related to J&K challenges.

The participants suggested several innovative solutions with a dedicated focus on "Design Thinking and Sustainability."

Premveer Singh, final year student at IIT Jammu and the convener of the Bootcamp, expressed his aspirations to observe this initiative as an annual event. Professor Manoj Singh Gaur, Director of IIT Jammu, proposed expansion of the Bootcamp to a more extensive 3-5 day format, thus concluding this impactful leadership program on a promising note.