

Dilip Tirkey declares open All India Police Hockey Champ

J&K Police has deep commitment not only to sports but through sports to citizens of UT, says DGP

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JAMMU: President Hockey India and former India captain, Dilip Tirkey on Tuesday declared open the 72nd All India Police Hockey Championship, being hosted by J&K Police at K K Haku Stadium, here.

Dilip Tirkey was accompanied by the Director General of J&K Police, R.R Swain and officials of Hockey J&K and senior officers of host J&K.

At the very outset the dignitaries paid floral tributes to the legendary hockey wizard, Ghyvan Chand.

Speaking to the gathering of participating teams and distinguished guests, Dilip Tirkey expressed great joy and pride for being part of the opening ceremony of the National hockey event.

Complimenting the All



President Hockey India Dilip Tirkey and DGP J&K, R.R Swain inaugurating 72nd All India Police Hockey Championship at K K Haku Stadium, Jammu.

India Police Sports Control Board (AIPSCB) for taking initiative and efforts in promoting hockey in India, he said that Police forces from different States and UTs have given great players to the Indian hockey team.

He appreciated the efforts of Jammu and Kashmir

Police for promoting 25 different sports disciplines and complimented the force for hosting the Hockey Championship for the fourth time.

Dilip Tirkey said, "Hockey was the only sport which brought laurels for the country between 1928 to 1960 in

Olympics. Hockey has made a special place in sports not only in India but also at the world stage."

He further said that efforts were being made to the fullest to revive the hockey in India for which hockey India leagues/tournaments are being organised that will

provide a platform for the budding hockey players to play alongside with top international players.

Tirkey recalled that in the year 2000 he was adjudged as the player of the tournament while taking part in the national hockey championship organised here at the

KK Haku Stadium Jammu and as such the venue and city of Jammu has a special place in his heart. He wished all the best to all the participating teams.

Earlier, the DGP J&K, R.R Swain praised Dilip Tirkey for accepting the invitation to attend the cere-

mony. Lauding Tirkey as a true sports enthusiast and a humble person, the DGP said that J&K Police and the citizens of the UT are proud of his presence at the opening ceremony of the mega event. The DGP also expressed his gratitude to Aditya Kumar, observer from AIPSCB New Delhi, Rizwan Khan of Maharashtra as Tournament Director and all the guests.

Underlining the role, the J&K Police has been playing in promoting sports and fostering a sense of unity, the DGP said that J&K Police is the backbone in sports for the UT and this force has deep commitment not only to the sports but through the sports to the citizen of Jammu and Kashmir.

He also expressed his gratitude to the organizing secre-

tary, ADGP Armed, and his team for efficient efforts in organizing this mega event.

In his welcome address, ADGP Armed, S.J.M Gillani also extended his gratitude to Dilip Tirkey for attending the event and other dignitaries for their support. He highlighted the importance of hockey as a national sport in India and its ability to connect people across different states and regions.

Besides the oath ceremony and scintillating march past by the participating teams, the opening ceremony also featured a captivating cultural program in which artists performed regional songs, which set the tone for this prestigious sports event.

The Results (League Round): West Bengal Police beat Telangana Police 8-1; Jharkhand Police beat Puducherry Police 4-3. Player of the Match, Ayub Munda.

J&K female swimmer wins Bronze in Khelo India

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JAMMU: Vanshika Gusain brought laurels to J&K winning a Bronze medal in the Khelo India Zonal Junior Swimming championship which held at Ambala under the banner of Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Vanshika, a student of KC Public School was presented with a cash prize of Rs 6000 for winning medal. As per the reports reaching here, in total, three girls from KC Public School took part in 200 meters Breast Stroke event. These girls were



Bronze medal team of J&K after receiving medals.

accompanied by swimming coach, Babita Jamwal.

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VADODARA: Representing North Zone talented left-arm medium pacer Sarla Devi displayed extraordinary bowling skill and took 2 crucial wickets to help North Zone script a 33-run win over formidable South Zone in a high scoring match of Senior Women's Inter-Zonal One-Day Trophy at GFSC Cricket Ground Vadodara on Tuesday.

Chasing a huge total of 285 runs, South Zone batters Arundathi Reddy (82) and Shabnam (36) were going

Sr Women's Inter-Zonal One-Day Trophy Sarla Devi takes 2 crucial wkts in North Zone's 33-run win



great guns and their side needed 34 runs in last 24 balls when Sarla struck twice in her 7th over removing dangerous Arundathi on the second and

Shabnam on the fourth ball of the same over; thus North Zone won the match by 33 runs.

Arundathi Reddy top scored with 82 runs off 89 balls, studded with 10 fours and one six, while V Sneha Deepthi scored 49 runs off 56 balls studded with 6 fours and one six and Shabnam contributed 36 runs off 49 balls studded with 5 fours and one six. Shrey also contributed 23 runs off 26 balls with 4 fours.

For North Zone, Sarla Devi, Amanjot Kaur,

Mannat Kashyap, Priya Mishra and Shafali Verma bagged 2 wickets each.

Earlier, North Zone skipper Shafali Verma won the toss and decided to bat first. Batting first, North Zone scored a big total of 285 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process.

Tanisha Ohlan top scored with 97 runs off 88 balls, studded with 11 fours and one six, while Shafali Verma contributed 64 runs off 59 balls with 7 fours and 3 sixes. Sushma B Verma (34),

Shweta Sehrawat (24) and Amanjot Kaur (23) were the other major contributors.

For South Zone, Taranum Pathan took 3 wickets while Arundathi Reddy bagged 2 wickets. SR Patil and Sahana S Pawar claimed one wicket each.

It is pertinent to mention here that two players of Jammu and Kashmir namely Sarla Devi and Chitra Singh Janwal have made it to the North Zone squad after performing exceptionally well in Senior Women's One-Day Trophy recently.

Gourav sets new record as J&K Deadlift C'ship concludes

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JAMMU: Involving around 130 lifters across different age groups and weight categories of men and women, the day-long J&K UT Deadlift Championship concluded at Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here under the banner of All J&K UT Powerlifting Association.

Gourav Sharma broke the record and set his new record by lifting 320 Kg in 120 kg weight category. The competition held in Classic (Unequipped) in Sub Junior, Junior, Senior and Masters categories in both men and women sections. Political leader, Om Parkash Khajuria was the Chief Guest while Paramjeet Singh, Dr. Aman and Dinesh Gupta was special guests in the valedictory function, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

Considering the perform-



Winner lifters posing with dignitaries after receiving trophies.

ance, Gourav Sharma, Adnan Choudhary, Prince Kumar and Raman Gupta declared best lifter in Sub Junior, Junior, Senior and Master Category respectively.

Similarly, Rittu Charak, Sapna Jain, Shivani Langeh and Harshita Sharma named best lifter in Sub Junior, Junior, Senior and Master Women respectively.

Around 130 players participated in this event from

districts of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, Poonch, Kishtwar, Reasi, Rajouri, Budgam and Kulgam.

Members of the organizing committee and technical panel comprised Ajay Sharma (general secretary), Rahul Sawhney (senior vice president), Gulzar Singh (vice president), Vikram Singh (vice president), Adil Ashraf Khan (Jammu District general secretary), Feroz Shah (Srinagar District

general secretary), Shabeel Ahmed (Kathua District general secretary), Azim Raja, (Kishtwar District general secretary), Riyaz Ahmed Butt (president District Srinagar), Sanjeev Singh (joint secretary), Vinay Sharma (media secretary), Deepak Jyoti, Sumit Gupta, Anshuman Sharma, Joginder Kumar, Sandeep Banmotra, Gourav Gupta, Narinder Pal Singh, Suresh Pal, Sajjad, Vishal Sharma,

Vickramdeep and Vickramjeet Singh (all executive members).

Medal Winners:

WOMEN: GOLD: Sapna Jain, Arshia Rajput, Diksha Kapoor, Harshita Sharma, Malvika Mohan, Amita Devi, Pooja Devi, Suhani Sharma, Gurpreet Kour, Anya Rakwal, Shivani Langeh, Rittu Charak, Manya Rakwal and Nitika Gupta. SILVER: Vanshika Verma, Arju Bhagat, Juhi Sharma, Meenu Kalotra and Shivani Langeh. BRONZE: Surbhi Sharma, Aadya Jain, Kritika Mehra and Kumari Poonam.

MEN: GOLD: Hasan Raza, Lucky Kumar, Pardeep Kumar, Suryadev Singh, Amit Sharma, Paramjeet Singh, Gurbakih Singh, Raj Sharma, Simronjeet Singh, Prince Kumar Satyam Choudhary, Jagdev Singh, Raman Gupta, Ansh Kumar, Mumin Dar, Babul

Reyan Aslam, Amit Bhalla, Krish Chadda, Adnan Choudhary, Yadvendra Singh, Harjeet Singh Reen, Sujal Bhasin, Ashish Kumar, Abhimanyu Sharma, Amrit Sharma, Paritosh Ganju, Manav Sharma and Gourav Sharma. SILVER: Liaquat Ali, Anshu Kumar, Ankit Choudhary, Gautam Kumar, Nitin Sharma, Sohail Choudhary, Krishna Sharma, Rajeshwar Singh, Faizan Haider Kandoo, Meet Sharma, Sarthak Dubey, Madhav Sharma, Rahul Rajput, Kewal Kumar, Harsh Sharma, Naman Mahajan, Vikram Singh, Asif Ansari and Abhishek Kumar. BRONZE: Shreyansh Rai, Sidhrath Kumar, Mohd. Ramzan, Karan Sharma, Mohd. Irfan, Gourav Thappa, Prince Kumar, Sudhanshu Chalotra, Naman Sharma, Daksh Khajuria, Karthik Bhan, Himanshu Sharma and Harsh Shalia.

KC Public School student secures first position in online global debate

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JAMMU: Eight students of KC Public School took part in an online international debate hosted by Sai International School, Bhubaneswar, Odisha recently. The event witnessed 350 delegates from 41 Round Square schools from all over the world take part in this prestigious event. KC Public School delegation put up an impressive performance in both junior and senior categories in this global contest. The junior category delegation from students of classes 6 to 8 consisted of Neharika Sharma, Aarav Gupta, Kaavin Bhushan and Aadhwika Gupta whereas the senior delegation (classes 9 and above) comprised of Yaagyaseni Bhat, Anadi Saini, Aseemta Gupta, and Priyanshi Bhat. By virtue of their exceptional debating skills, Yaagyaseni, Anadi, Kaavin, Aarav, and Neharika qualified for the final round. However, it was Neharika Sharma who emerged as an epitome of triumph for KC Public School by securing the first position in the junior debate category, thereby outshining equally eloquent debaters from 41 schools from all over the world. School Chairman Raju Choudhary, Managing Director Arti Choudhary, Principal AK Mishra, and Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey congratulated Neharika for making the entire KCPS fraternity proud of her stellar achievement.



KCPS faculty felicitating winner student.

Haryana thrashes J&K by 10 wkts

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MUMBAI: Formidable Haryana thrashed Jammu and Kashmir by 10 wickets in a one-sided affair in the ongoing Senior Women's One-Day Trophy at Sachin Tendulkar Gymkhana Kandivli, Mumbai today. Batting first, J&K collapsed at 61 runs in 27.2 overs. Aditi Aryan (15), Khushboo Aftab (14) and Mariya Noorain (10) were the only three batters who reached double figure mark. Amandeep Kaur was the wrecker-in-chief for Haryana, who took 5 wickets by con-

ceding just 9 runs in her 5.2 overs, while Ragini Lathwal and Sonia Mendhiya bagged 2 wickets each. In reply, Haryana chased the target easily in 10.2 overs without losing any wickets, thus won the match by 10 wickets. Tanisha Sharma remained unbeaten on 31 runs off 35 balls studded with 7 boundaries, while Reema Sisodia contributed unbeaten 22 runs off 27 balls with 3 fours. For J&K, Mariya Noorain, Ananaya Sharma, Aditi Aryan and Kajal Bhagat bowled without any success.

JU wins opening tie in NZ Inter-Varsity Cricket

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JAMMU: University of Jammu (JU) made it a winning start outplaying I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University Jalandhar by eight wickets in the North Zone Inter-University (men) Cricket Tournament, organized by MLSM College Sunder Nagar, Himachal Pradesh.

Earlier, batting first, PTU Jalandhar was bowled out for just 82 runs in 17.1 overs. Iqbal Bhat (36) and Vardhan Nath (11) were



Winner team of University of Jammu posing with official.

main scorers. From JU, Raman Singh bowled brilliant spell taking four wick-

ets for 15 runs while Nasir Malik, who took bowled well, took three for 11 in 2.1 overs.

In reply, JU easily chased the 83 runs target in 13.2 overs losing two wickets. Pranab Sharma remained top scorer with unbeaten 38 studded with seven boundaries while Shreyansh contributed 25 not out hitting four boundaries.

The JU team is accompanied by experienced coach, Raj Kumar Bakshi.

JU contingent flagged off to participate in 37th Inter University North Zone Youth Festival

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JAMMU: Today marks the commencement of a vibrant journey as 54 students from the University of Jammu embark on their participation in the 37th Inter University North Zone Youth Festival, hosted by Punjabi University, Patiala.

The contingent, selected based on meritorious achievements in the annual "Display Your Talent" event by the Department of Students Welfare, reflects the diverse talents of the University.

Officially flagged off by Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, JU, the group is poised to showcase their prowess in music, dance, theatre, fine arts, and literary activities, promising



Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, JU flagging off contingent.

a celebration of excellence across various disciplines.

Accompanied by Dr. A.R. Manhas, Dr. Tsering Yangzom, Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor, Kulbhushan Thakur, PASO, and R.P Singh, the contingent aims to not only represent the institution with distinction but also contribute

significantly to the vibrant cultural tapestry of the 37th Inter University North Zone Youth Festival.

Prof. Antahal extended his best wishes, expressing hope that the students would uphold the University's legacy while making a meaningful impact on the festival's cultural and literary landscape.

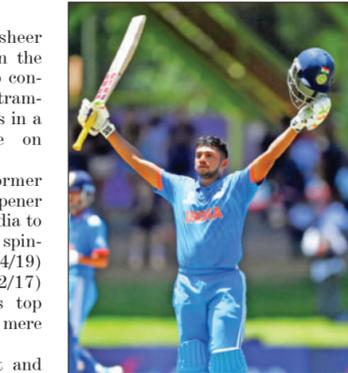
ICC U-19 World Cup: Musheer excels again as India pummel New Zealand by 214 runs

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BLOEMFONTEIN: Musheer Khan's superlative showing in the ongoing ICC U-19 World Cup continued as his second hundred trampled New Zealand by 214 runs in a Super Six encounter here on Tuesday.

After India's top performer Musheer's 131 backed by opener Adarsh Singh's 52 powered India to a huge total of 295/8, left-arm spinner Saunmy Kumar Pandey (4/19) and pacer Raj Limbani (2/17) ripped apart New Zealand's top order to bowl them out for a mere 81 in 28.1 overs.

Limbani struck on the first and



the fifth ball of New Zealand innings to ensure momentum remained India's way throughout.

India vice-captain Pandey finished with splendid figures of 10-2-19-4 as he knocked the stuffing out of Black Caps' chase.

Left reeling at 27/4 in the Powerplay, New Zealand could never really stage a comeback as Indian colts like every edition are looking favourites to win the tournament.

For New Zealand, it was their third heaviest defeat in terms of runs and also their third lowest total at the U-19 World Cup stage.

Earlier, Musheer played New

Zealand attack with his second century of the ICC U-19 World Cup while opener Adarsh Singh struck 52 as India posted a stiff 296 run target.

On a perfect batting wicket here at the Mangaung Oval, Musheer tore apart the Kivis bowling line-up to become the first batter in the current competition to breach the 300-run mark, going past Pakistan's Shahzaib Khan with his stupendous effort.

En route his 131, Musheer blasted 13 fours and three sixes off just 125 balls and once showed admirable temperament to up the ante just when it was required.