

DIG Pathak inaugurates 2nd J&K Masters Cricket Championship

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JAMMU: J&K Game Changers, JK Warriors and Horizon Stars registered wins in the inaugural matches of the 2nd Masters Cricket Championship, organized jointly by Range Police Headquarters Jammu and Jammu & Kashmir Veterans Cricket Association at MA Stadium, here on Thursday.

In the opening match, J&K Game Changers defeated JK ACB Legends by seven wickets.

Batting first, JK ACB Legends scored 64 runs for the loss of ten wickets in 14.4 overs with Arif scored 21 runs and Abdul Waheed 18 runs. From bowling side, Peter took three wickets, Avinash and Banshi grabbed two wickets each and Hardeep claimed one wicket. In reply, J&K Game Changers scored 65 runs for loss of three wickets in 11.1 overs. Lakhvinder Singh with (23), Hardeep (22) and Narinder (13) runs were the



DIG JKS Range, Shakti Pathak playing a shot to inaugurate 2nd Masters Cricket Championship at Jammu.

main scorers. Sanjeev of ACB took two wickets while Davinder scalped one. Peter was declared Man of the Match.

In another match, JK Warriors defeated Horizon Stars by one wicket. Batting first, Horizon Stars scored 95 runs for the loss of ten wickets in 20 overs. Rajesh Gill was the top scorer with 32 runs while Raman Dutta and Shamsher made 28 and 10 runs respectively. From bowling side, Dhaleep grabbed four wickets,

Sandeep Singh took three whereas Vicky, Ravi and Kingi claimed one wicket each. In reply, JK Warriors chased the target in 16.5 overs for losing nine wickets. Sonu Malhotra was the top scorer with scored 24 runs while Deepak made 18 runs and RK Bhat added 10 runs to the total. From bowling Side, Hilal took four wickets, Shamsher claimed two and Rajesh Gill, Haseeb ur Rehman and Raman grabbed one wicket each. Dhaleep was declared Man of the Match.

In last match of the day, Horizon Stars defeated JK Game Changers by seven wickets.

Batting first, JK Game Changer scored 112 runs in 18 overs. Hardeep (29), Sohal Lal (22) and Narinder (19) runs were the main scorers. From bowling side, Pardeep Bali grabbed four wickets while Hilal and Shamsher took one wicket each.

In reply, Horizon Stars chased the target in 17 overs for the loss of three wickets. Pardeep Bali was the top scorer with 30 runs while Rajesh Gill made 23 and Hilal Rather scored 21 runs. Pardeep Bali declared Man of the Match.

Today's matches were officiated by Vijay Raina, Ashok Kumar and Amit Gill.

RP Singh conducted the proceedings of the inauguration ceremony.

Earlier, the Championship was declared open by the chief guest, Shakti Pathak,

Deputy Inspector General of Police JKS Range in presence of DIG Railway Jammu Haseeb Ur Rehman, RK Bhat SSP, Abdul Waheed Shah SSP, Rashid Bhat SSP, Ashish Singh MD Horizon Group of Companies, Rajesh Gill former Ranji Player & Coordinator of the event, Amir Almansoor CPO, and DySP Sagar Singh.

The Championship is being organized under the supervision of DIG Jammu, DIG Railway Jammu, Arun Gupta President JK VCA and Rajesh Gill.

DIG Jammu lauded the efforts of executive members and coordinators of the Championship in conducting this mega event at Jammu by involving passionate cricketers, including the players from J&K, Punjab, Delhi & M.P. with the sole aim to promote sports culture and to inspire youths in sports so that the stay away from drugs and other allied illegal activities.

Jodhamal celebrates Elegancia '23 to bid farewell to Class XII



Title holders posing for a photograph at farewell party.

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JAMMU: As the Academic Year 2023-24 is nearing its culmination, Jodhamal Public School bids a farewell by hosting Elegancia'23 for its Class 12th students, marking the end of a significant chapter in their educational journey at the School.

The event started with the lighting of the lamp and cake cutting ceremony which was followed by 'slaying with style on the runway' which kept the audience hooked.

In yet another thrilling presentation of awarding titles under various categories, the school selected few students under the category 'Masters of Many' to acknowledge their brilliance in various fields.

The event also featured performances and presentations by the host Class XI.

This year has been a testament to the resilience, dedication, and achievements for the graduating class. Through challenges and triumphs, these students have exemplified the core

values of Jodhamal leaving an indelible mark on the institution. The Ceremony culminated with the most awaited ceremony of awarding the titles. Mr. & Ms. Charming was bagged by Dikshit Gupta and Mahira Sharma; Mr. & Ms. Consistent was awarded to Vibhas and Veronika Rajput; Mr. & Ms. Perfect was bagged by Aarya Mahajan and Suvriti Koushal; Mr. & Ms. Elegant was awarded to Aditya Rakesh Kumar and Daania Butt; and most coveted title of Mr & Ms. Jodhamal was earned by Anish Arora and Anandita Handa respectively.

Trustee Nandan Kuthiala, Director Arati Kuthiala, Principal Girish Kumar, Vice Principal Shefali Sanwal offered words of wisdom and encouragement as the students of the Class of 2024 embark on their future endeavours by extending gratitude to the parents, teachers, and the entire school community for their unwavering support in nurturing these bright minds.

The event was coordinated by Aashima and her team.

Jr National (Boys) Handball team leaves for Nationals



J&K Handball team posing with officials before leaving for nationals.

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JAMMU: Selected by the Jammu and Kashmir Handball Association (JKHA) and screened by Baljinder Pal Singh Divisional Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council (JKSC), the Jr. National (Boys) Handball Team on Thursday left for the participation in the 46th Junior National (Boys) Handball Championship. The event

shall take place at Karoli in Rajasthan from January 9 to 13, 2024.

Among those present at the time of screening were Baljinder Pal Singh Divisional Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council, Rajesh Chandan General Secretary JKHA, Sanjeev Singh International Handball Player and Ashwani Raina Member JKHA and Executive member Handball

Association India.

The Team: Rahul Boora, Umar Gulzar, Nasir Hussain, Krishan, Ravinshu, Deepak Singh, Deepak, Druv Seth, Ridham Sharma, Udhayveer Singh, Mohd Tahir, Mohd Safeer, Aryaveer, Nishal Ahmed, Muyamil Nabi, Moeen-uddin, Mohd Umar Dar, Amar Singh, Anuj Langer (Coach) and Anuj Mahajan (Manager).

Kabaddi Junior trials from Jan 9

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association shall organise selection trials to pick up probables for the upcoming 49th Junior National Kabaddi (boys and girls) Championship going to be held at Hyderabad from February 1 to 4, 2024.

"The selection process shall take place at Kabaddi Arena within MA Stadium Complex, here from January nine to January 11 from 3:30 pm onwards," informed general secretary of the Association, Surinder Mohan Gupta.

Eligibility: Boys: 70kg and below body weight and age 20 years or below on February 4, 2024. Girls: 65kg and below body weight

and age 20 years or below on February 4, 2024.

Those eligible players from the affiliated district units of the Association have been advised to report the given venue on the prescribed dates and time for the selection process.

Such players need t bring along two passport size photographs, photocopies of their Aadhaar Card, Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India registration Card, domicile certificate of J&K and Medical Fitness Certificate from authorised medical practitioner.

"Those who have not registered with the AKFI will not be eligible to participate in the said trials," added the general secretary.

Tamanna receives Gold Medal in 8th convocation of SKUAST-J



Tamanna Sharma receiving Gold Medal for her post-graduation degree programme from Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha in the 8th convocation of SKUAST- Jammu.

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JAMMU: Tamanna Sharma, daughter of Ajesh and Preeti Sharma, working under the guidance of Dr. Vivak M. Arya

and Dr. Vikas Sharma received Gold Medal for her post-graduation degree programme from Lieutenant Governor in the 8th convoca-

tion of SKUAST- Jammu. She

has worked on the "Influence of cropping intensity on soil nitrogen and phosphorus" during her course of study.

Kathua Athletics meet from Jan 6

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Athletics Association shall hold two-day Kathua District Athletics Championships at Government Degree College Kathua from January 6.

The competition shall be held in under-14, under-16, under-18, under-20 and senior groups of both boys and girls as also men and women, a handout issued by the Association here on Thursday informed.

Athletes desirous of taking part in this district competition are advised to

report the venue of Government Degree College Kathua on January six at 10 am bringing along Date of Birth Certificate and Aadhar Card. Such participating athletes need to contact Bhushan Kumar (6005625284).

The Competition: Under 16: 60 mts, 600 mts, Long Jump, Shotput. Under 18: 100 mts, 200 mts, 400 mts, 1000 mts, Long Jump, Shotput. Under 20: 100 mts, 200 mts, 400 mts, 800 mts, 1500 mts, Long Jump, Shotput, Javelin Throw. Open: 100 mts, 200 mts, 400 mts, 800 mts, 1500 mts, 5000 mts, Shotput, Javelin Throw.

Verma Sports Club enters final of 12th Police Martyr's T-20

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KATHUA: Verma Sports Club thrashed SC Cricket Club Gurgaon by seven wickets and entered the final of the ongoing 12th Police Martyr's Memorial Inter Club T-20 Cricket Championship 2023-24 at Sports Stadium Kathua.

Earlier, Verma Sports Club won the toss and decided to field first.

Batting first, SC Cricket Club Gurgaon scored 151 runs for the loss of ninbe wickets in 20 overs. Shivam Singh was the top scorer with 40 runs off 34 balls with six boundaries while Ankush Nagar made 37 runs off 35 deliveries with four boundaries.

In reply, Verma Sports Club easily chased target making 152 runs for the loss of three wickets in 17.2 overs. Dhruv played a match winning inning of 77 runs off 50 balls with seven boundaries alongwith three sixes for which he was declared as Man of the Match.

Team effort guides JU reach semis of VC's Cup

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JAMMU: Consistent performance and team effort in the knockout stages on Thursday guided University of Jammu (JU) employees side sail into the semifinals of the ongoing All India Vice-Chancellor's T-20 Cricket Tournament at RTM Nagpur University.

The collective effort from skipper Raj Kumar Bakshi, Niranjana and Balwant as also Aman, wh played their role to help the side made it to the last four stages of the competition.

The strong JU trounced PAU University Ludhiana by three wickets in the quarterfinals today, reports reaching here said. Batting first, PAU



JU team in jubilant mood after winning quarterfinal match.

University Ludhiana scored 159 losing all their wickets. Rupinder remained top scorer with 36 runs while Kailash and Sinar contributed 32 and 28 runs respectively.

From JU, Raj Kumar Bakshi bowled brilliant spell taking away three wickets for 19 runs in his spell of four overs. Balwant also bowled well securing three wickets.

Karan and Rajesh took apiece each.

In reply, JU overhauled the opponent total making 163 runs in 18 overs with three wickets in hand. Inform

Niranjana played superb innings of unbeaten 64 runs while Balwant and Raj Kumar Bakshi contributed 20 (not out) and 14 runs respectively.

From PAU Ludhiana, Guri Sohi and Dev Chandolia took two wickets each. For his all round performance, Raj Kumar Bakshi was declared man of the match.

Meanwhile, Director Sports JU, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba in a congratulatory message to the team wished them success in the semifinals. The team was also wished victories in the next encounters by the Jammu University Non Teaching Employees Union (JUNTEU).

SMVDU wins Winter Cricket Tournament



Winner SMVDU team posing for a photograph after receiving trophy.

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KATRA: SMVD University staff cricket team won the Winter Cricket Tournament organized by SMVD Narayana Hospital which was held at SMVD University Sports ground.

The final match was played between SMVD University staff team and Unbeatable Warriors team of SMVD Narayana Hospital.

The Unbeatable Warriors team set a target of 103 runs while batting first and was bowled out in 19.4 overs.

Aman Thakur was the pick of bowlers who claimed four wickets while Vishal and Sarthak took two wickets

each, Rajeshwar Sharma, took 1 wicket.

In response the SMVD University Staff team convincingly won the match by nine wickets and achieved the target in 17 overs. The chase was led by the captain of the team, Sumit Sharma and Surya Pratap Singh who scored 38 and 46 runs respectively.

The tournament was played in super six format and these teams were divided into two pools.

In the prize distribution ceremony, Dr. Parvez Singh Slathia, In-charge Sports Activities, SMVD University and M. Muthu Mathavan,

Facility Director, SMVD Narayana Hospital congratulated the winners and handed over the prizes to winner and runner up teams.

Mathavan expressed his gratitude towards the university for providing the sports ground and allied facilities for organizing the tournament.

Dr. Slathia congratulated the SMVD Narayana Hospital for organizing the tournament.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar appreciated the efforts of University staff Cricket team and congratulated them for bringing laurels to the University.

Magical Chitra fails to cast spell on Rajasthan eves'

Slams splendid ton as J&K loses by 38 runs

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TRIVANTHRIPURAM: Magical unbeaten century by J&K's batting mainstay Chitra Singh Jamwal failed to cast spell on formidable Rajasthan as J&K lost in a close contest by 39 runs in the ongoing Senior Women's One-Day Trophy at KCA Cricket Stadium, Trivanthripuram, Kerala on Thursday .

Chasing a good total of 223



runs, J&K managed to score 184 runs in the stipulated 50

overs by losing 8 wickets, thus lost the match by 38 runs. Chitra Singh Jamwal played a brilliant innings of 100 runs off 137 balls, studied with 10 magnificent boundaries. She played with solidity, sublimity, elegance and brilliance, showing stellar grit to notch up superb century. Anju Tomar also scored magnificent half-century, scoring 53 runs off 84 balls with 5 boundaries. None of

the other batters could cross the double figure mark.

For Rajasthan, Archana Yogi took 3 wickets, while KP Choudhary and SS Kalal claimed 2 wickets each.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, Rajasthan scored 222 runs in 49.3 overs. BN Meena top scored with 48 runs off 52 balls, studded with 4 fours and one six, while skipper SL Meena scored with 46 runs off 50

balls with 7 boundaries. KP Choudhary (30), SP Kumawat (28), SR Jat (25) and TB Vaishnav (21) were the other major contributors.

Chitra Singh Jamwal and skipper Sandhya Sayal took 2 wickets each for J&K, while Sarla Devi, Ananaya Sharma, Rudrakshi Chib and Rubia Syed claimed one wicket each. J&K will take on Goa in the next outing on January 6, 2024.