

2nd J&K Masters Cricket Championship

JK Game Changers & MP Super Stars scripts wins

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JAMMU: J&K Game Changers and M.P. Super Stars scripted great wins against their rivals in the ongoing 2nd Masters Cricket Championship which is being organized jointly by Range Police Headquarters Jammu and Jammu & Kashmir Veterans Cricket Association under the supervision of DIG Jammu, DIG Railway Jammu, Arun Gupta President JK VCA and Rajesh Gill. The sponsors of the Championship includes Horizon Group, khwab Fashion Dreams Link Road Jammu, Simula Group, Rotunda Hygria Srinagar and SMVD Narayana Super Speciality Hospital Katra.

Dr. Vinod Kumar SSP Jammu was the Chief Guest



Dr. Vinod Kumar SSP Jammu shaking hand with players.

in todays matches who was introduced with the participating teams in the first match of the day and he distributed the Caps among the players. While interaction with the players SSP Jammu conveyed his best wishes to the players for great performance and

assured them for their comfortable stay at Jammu.

In the First match J&K Game changers defeated Delhi Dashers by wickets. Batting first Delhi Dashers scored 131 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in 18 overs with Parkash scored 77 runs and Manoj 11 runs and

Mandeep 10 runs .From the bowling side Banshi Lal took 2 wickets, Peter and Ashwani took 1 wicket each. In reply J&K Game Changers chased the target for loss of wickets in 11.1 overs thus won the match by 7 wickets. Sohan Sharma41 runs, Prithpal Singh 29 runs and Hardeep 13 runs. From the bowling side Ricky took 3 wickets, Sandeep took 2 wickets while Ramesh Parkash and Sanjeev took 1 wicket each. Sohan Sharma declared Man of the match.

In another match M.P. Superstars defeated Horizon Stars by 10 wickets. Batting First Horizon Stars scored 54 runs for the lost of 8 wickets in the allotted 14 overs. Rajesh Gill 14 runs and Arun Sharma 11 runs were the main scorers. From the bowling side Dinesh took 4 wickets, Parkash, Masood, Raju and

Ajay took 1 wicket each. In reply M.P. Super stars chased the target in 16.3 overs without losing any wicket thus won the match by 10 wicket. Sanjay Choubey scored 29 runs while Nasir made 23 runs for the team. Dinesh Sharma declared man of the match.

The Officials of the matches were Vijay Raina, Ashok Kumar and Amit Gill. RP Singh conducted the proceedings of the ceremony and commentary of the matches. Tomorrow Fixture : first match between MP Superstars Versus J&K Game Changers at 9.30 am and second match between Horizon Stars Versus Delhi Dashers at 12.30 pm informed by Rajesh Gill coordinator of the Championship.

Ranji Trophy: Arora, Dhawan plot J&K collapse; HP 47/0 on day-1

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JAMMU: Medium pacers Vaibhav G Arora and Rishi Dhawan plotted collapse of J&K team, restricting them to a paltry total of 100 runs in their first innings of the Ranji Trophy Elite Group-D match at Hostel Ground JKCA on Friday.

In reply, Himachal Pradesh were 47/0 in 9 overs of their first innings at stumps on day-1 today.

Openers EC Sen (27) and PS Chopra (19) were at the crease when bad light stopped play, which was followed by the draw of stumps. Sen took 34 balls and hit 6 boundaries, while Chopra played 21 balls and struck 4 boundaries in his



knock. Umar Nazir, Lone Nasir Muzaffar, Umran Malik and Abid Mushtaq bowled 9 overs between them without any success.

Earlier, after a delayed start due to fog, put into bat, J&K batters struggled against the disciplined bowling attack of

Himachal Pradesh and the whole team bundled out for paltry 100 runs. Abid Mushtaq top scored with 28 runs off 28 balls, studded with 6 boundaries, while Vivrant Sharma (18), Fazil Rashid (14) and skipper Shubham Khajuria (10) were the other contributors to the meagre total.

Vaibhav Arora and Rishi Dhawan were the wreckers-in-chief for Himachal Pradesh, who took 7 wickets between themselves. Arora took 4 wickets by conceding 29 runs in his 10.3 overs while Dhawan captured 3 wickets by giving away 20 runs in his 8 overs. Arpit N Guleria and MJ Dagar claimed one wicket each.

J&K BJP Delegation lauds Modi, Gadkari for Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway



BJP delegation calling on Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, at New Delhi on Friday.

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NEW DELHI: A delegation from the Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), led by senior BJP leader and former MLA Devender Rana, along with District President BJP Reasi Rohit Dubey, Shashi Gupta Ex- Chairman MC Katra, Rajinder Mengi Mandal President Katra,Nishant Sharma Vice-president Hotel Association Katra, Sham Lal and Adv. Kuldeep Dubey met with Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, at New Delhi.

The primary focus of the delegation's meeting was to express sincere gratitude to PM Modi and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari for the approval and sanctioning of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway. This

significant infrastructure project is anticipated to play a pivotal role in enhancing the economic prospects of the Jammu region upon its completion.

Devender Rana highlighted the strategic significance of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, emphasizing its potential to serve as a lifeline for economic progress in the Jammu region. He underscored the transformative impact the expressway could have on trade, tourism, and overall socio-economic development.

Rana expressed confidence in the project's ability to open up new avenues for growth, attract investments, and create employment opportunities for the local population. He stated, "The Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway is not just a road; it's a pathway to prosperity for our region. We applaud the unwavering commitment of Prime Minister Modi and Union Minister Gadkari to the

development of Jammu and Kashmir, and we are optimistic about the positive changes this visionary infrastructure project will bring to our communities."

Rohit Dubey, District President BJP Reasi, took the opportunity to earnestly request the Union Minister not to bypass Katra town during the construction of the expressway.

Emphasizing the importance of including Katra in the expressway route, Dubey highlighted the potential positive impact on local development and connectivity. The delegation conveyed their appreciation for the proactive approach taken by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in prioritizing infrastructure projects that contribute to regional growth and development. The Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway holds the promise of fostering economic prosperity and facilitating improved connectivity for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K Cycling team named for National

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JAMMU: Cycling Association of Jammu and Kashmir today finalised the team for the 28th National Road Cycling Championship to be held at Vijayapur in Karnataka from January nine to January 12.

Earlier, the selected team underwent screening conducted by J&K Sports Council (JKSC) team at MA Stadium, here today.

The screening committee of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) was led by Baljinder Singh, Divisional Sports Officer. Among those who were present included Sharad Chander (secretary Athletics association), SS Gill (secretary Cycling association), Dr Vikesh Kumar, Gurpreet, Rahul and Joginder.

The Team: BOYS: Under-14: Ikhlaq Hussain, Haseeb Jan, Azan Ali. Sub Junior: Jahangir, Sahil Manzoor, Zulfiqar Gazanfar, Manik Magotra, Rayaan Manzoor.

Junior: Adnan, Parvaiz Ahmad. Under 23: Adil Altaf, Mohmiss Ismail, Mashooq Maqbool. Senior: Waheed Ahmed. GIRLS: Sub Junior: Yamuna, Farrah. Junior: Sohilha. Elite: Mehak Mushtaq, Humaira Khursheed.

JU loses in semis of VC's Cup

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JAMMU: The winning spree of University of Jammu (JU) halted by Jamia Milia Islamia University Delhi on way to the final of the All India Vice Chancellor's Twenty20 (employees) Cup at RTM Nagpur University on Friday.

As per the reports reaching here, JU suffered a three wickets defeat in the important game of semifinals. Now, JU shall be playing against LUVAS University Hisar for the third place game tomorrow.

Earlier, in the semifinals today, JU made 166 runs for six wickets. Rajesh scored magnificent century while Sandeep Bakshi (25) and Amin (13) were other main contributors to the total. From Jamia Milia, Wahid took three wickets while Fareed bagged two.

Later, Jamia Milia chased the target of 167 in 19.4 overs for the loss of seven wickets. Wahid (43), Adel (48) and Sarfrez (43) played match winning knocks from Jamia. From JU, Raj Kumar Bakshi bowled well taking away three wickets. Rajesh bagged two.

JU Chess (W) Team leaves for Bundelkhand University



Team members along with officials posing for photograph.

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education University of Jammu is projecting its Chess (W)team for participation in the forthcoming North - Zone Inter - University Chess (W)Tournament 2023-24 to be organized by the Bundelkhand University, Jhansi (U.P.) at Rajeev Gandhi Indoor Stadium of

Bundelkhand University, Jhansi from 8thto 10th January 2024.The University of Jammu Chess (W) team flagged off at the Directorate of Sports & Physical Education. The team shall leave for Bundelkhand University, Jhansi (U.P) on Friday.

Jammu University Chess (W) Team includes: Bhawana Sharma, Taruni

Bakshi, Unvesha Sharma, Naina Sharma, Mansha Mahajan, Mussarit Nayeem Inderjeet Singh and Manisha Manhas will accompany the team as Coach and Manager respectively.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Dr. Vimal Kishore, S. Padam Dev Singh, Jai Bharat, Harinderpal Singh & Manu Singh Pawar.

Newplot Basti first to complete Akshith Vittaran Bhagwan Ram is role model, we should inculcate him in our lives: Sharma

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JAMMU: In the ongoing 'Akshith Vitaran' in all 163 Basties designated by RSS in Jammu, Newplot Basti completed the programme first under the leadership of senior BJP leader and former Mayor Rajinder Sharma. The Kalash (pot) containing Akshits was taken to every household numbering 635 in Newplot locality and the Akshits were distributed there.

Every Basti was given one Kalash.

The people accorded warm welcome to the Akshits on arrival and some people even poured oil as a mark of welcome to something auspicious while some turned emotional and were in tears.

Speaking on the occasion



Former Mayor Rajinder Sharma during Akshith Vitaran programme at Newplot Basti in Jammu.

Rajinder Sharma asked the people to keep the Akshits at temples in their house and get blessings.

They were also given a photograph of the Shri Ram ji temple and pamphlet containing details of the story of struggle for the religious place.

They were also asked to decorate their homes on January 22, 2024, on the day of consecration ceremony at Ram ji temple.

They were told that Shiv Badrinath temple in Newplot will organise a grand Arti on January 22 in which all should join and food as

prasad will also be served to the devotees there.

The former Mayor also asked the people of Newplot to lit five earthen lamps in their homes on the day of consecration ceremony of Ram ji temple.

He also threw light on the life of Bhagwan Ram and said that his principles are taken by Mahatma Gandhi and these principles formed the basics of Indian democracy.

"Ram in his life lived ideally all the relations of our life and set an example. We should inculcate him in our lives," Rajinder Sharma maintained adding that on the day of consecration ceremony of Ram ji temple, programmes will also be organised across the world.

INDIA block will win all 6 LS seats in J&K, Ladakh: Solanki

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JAMMU: The INDIA bloc will win all six Lok Sabha seats in the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, senior Congress leader Bharatsinh Solanki said here on Friday.

A massive party workers meet of Congress held which was addressed by newly appointed in-charge of the JK UT, Bharat Singh Solanki ,former union minister, who was accompanied by G A Mir AICC Gen Sec. and party president Vikar Rasool Wani besides other top leaders. There was immense enthusiasm over the presence of these senior leaders in Jammu today. Hundreds of party workers and leaders gathered at Jammu airport on Solanki's arrival and accorded rousing welcome to him, Mir and other senior leaders.

Subsequently, in a program of workers in Pata Bohri Kashmir Hills resort, Solanki made it clear that in the coming days, Congress will enter the field with great determination and the party will move forward taking every grassroots worker into confidence. Bharat Solanki was present as the chief guest in this organized program while former party president G.A. Mir and current president Vikar Rasool Wani presided over which was attended by Tariq Karra, CWC member,AICC Jt. Sect. Manoj Yadav & others.

Solanki said in his address that today the country is not in safe hands and the end of the politics of dividing people in the name of caste and religion is near. Taking on BJP, he said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are



Congress leader Bharat Singh Solanki addressing workers in Jammu on Friday.

feeling cheated. Reacting to the abrogation of Article 370, he said that earlier BJP used to ask the people of Jammu to clap and play thali and BJP's politics of regions has divided the mutual brotherhood of Jammu and Kashmir. Solanki claimed that today the people of Jammu have been deprived of their rights. Citing unemployment, corruption, inflation and increasing drug addiction, Solanki said that the BJP has turned the city of temples into a city of liquor and mining mafia. Referring to the skyrocketing fares in the name of smart meters, BJP's so-called anti-enrichment campaign and illegal toll plazas, Solanki said that today the common man of Jammu is well aware of the fact that BJP has done nothing except harassing and harassing the people.

Pointing towards the bureaucracy prevailing in the bureaucracy at present, he said that on one hand assembly elections have not come in the state for nine years and on the other hand delimitation has been done arbitrarily and as per convenience so that BJP can get political advantage. He said that today the common people want to elect their representatives whereas the appointed Lieutenant Governor is calling the elections as meaningless by forcefully quoting the people here. In his address to the workers and leaders present in the program, Solanki made it clear that the time has come when as a party every single worker has to approach the masses with the policies of the party. Emphasizing on mutual coordination and harmony, Solanki said that today the entire country is considering India alliance as the only hope. Apart from Solanki, Ex president and senior All India Congress Committee leader G.A. Mir also addressed the gathering.

JKPCC chief Vikar clearly said in his address that BJP is avoiding elections because it knows what its ground reality is. Firstly, on the cancellation of the proposed elections of the corporation and now on the completion of the tenure of the Panchayati representatives,

Vikar said that today the people here are not heard anywhere and the officers in the government departments are running the system in an abnormal way.

Party's working president Raman Bhalla and former minister, Ex Dy CM Tara Chand, Mula Ram, Balwan Singh,Yogesh Sahni, Mannohan Singh also said in their address to the workers that now the time has come when every party worker will have to fight this battle as a party. Other leaders present at the event included co-incharge Manoj Yadav, AICC secretary senior vice president and chief spokesperson Ravindra Sharma, GN Monga, TS Bajwa, Neeraj Kundan, Ved Mahajan, Naresh Gupta, Yashpal Kundal, SS Channi, Rajneesh Sharma, Sain Rashid, Vinod Sharma, Pranab Shagotra ,Narinder Gupta,Narinder Sharma Shashi Sharma,Pawan Raina, T S Tony, and many other former ministers, former MLAs / MLCs and other frontal heads,DCC presidents etc.



Glimpses of Parkash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh celebrations in Jammu on Friday.

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