

Late Shree Deviram Chaudhary Divyang Cricket Tournament J&K beats Bihar by 151 runs

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JAMMU: The J&K Welfare Association announced another resounding victory for the J&K Divyangjan Cricket Team in the ongoing Late Shree Deviram Chaudhary Memorial Divyang Cricket Tournament.

In a stellar display of dominance, J&K secured a monumental 151-run win against Bihar Divyang in a league-stage encounter at the JB Cricket Ground, Agra, on Wednesday.

Winning the toss, J&K elected to bat first and unleashed a formidable batting onslaught, amassing an imposing total of 239/5 in the allotted 20 overs. Wicketkeeper-batsman



J&K Divyangjan Cricket Team in jubilant mood after winning the match.

Rahul Sharma delivered a scintillating unbeaten knock of 114 off 64 balls, adorned with 14 exquisite boundaries. Vice-captain Aaqib Malik was equally ruthless, hammering a blistering 84 off just 34 deliveries at a staggering strike rate of 247.06, punctuated by 7

fours and 6 sixes. Their electrifying partnership provided an unshakable foundation for J&K's formidable total.

In response, Bihar Divyang found themselves completely outclassed by J&K's disciplined bowling attack and razor-sharp field-

ing, managing a meager 88/8 in their 20-over quota. Ayaz Fani emerged as the standout bowler, delivering a miserly spell of 4 overs, conceding a mere 12 runs while claiming 2 crucial wickets. Aaqib Malik, showcasing his all-round brilliance, scalped 2 wickets for just 5 runs in his 2-over spell. Waseem and Tarseem Lal also made valuable contributions, each snaring two wickets to further stifle Bihar's batting lineup.

J&K's fielding was nothing short of exemplary, with Waseem pulling off two spectacular catches and effecting a critical run-out in tandem with captain Ajeet Raj. Yawar Bashir added to the defensive masterclass with a

sharp catch, ensuring Bihar remained under relentless pressure throughout their innings.

For his extraordinary all-round performance, Aaqib Malik was adjudged Man of the Match, courtesy of his explosive 84-run knock off 34 balls and his impactful bowling figures of 2/5. His remarkable prowess with both bat and ball, coupled with his tactical acumen on the field, played an instrumental role in J&K's emphatic triumph.

The J&K Welfare Association extends heartfelt congratulations to the team on their phenomenal success and eagerly anticipates their continued dominance in the tournament.

Ace cricketers Samad, Jasia among J&K Govt awardees for Outstanding Sportspersons

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JAMMU: Ace cricketers Abdul Samad and Jasia Akhtar have been nominated among six athletes for Jammu and Kashmir Government's award for the outstanding sportspersons on Republic Day 2025.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs 51,000 and a citation.

The six sportspersons named for the award include Tarun Gandotra (Roller Skating), Rudhrakash Khanna (Gymnastics), Riya Bakshi (Fencing), Ulfat Banu (Football), Abdul Samad (Cricket) and Jasia Akhtar (Cricket).

Samad apart from being a prominent player of J&K Ranji Trophy team from last five years, has the distinction of representing Sunrisers Hyderabad from last few seasons and has also been bought for a whopping Rs 4 cr by Lucknow Supergiants (LSG) this season. He has also the honour of scoring 6 centuries in First Class cricket and five of them in



much lesser than 100 balls.

Jasia, the skipper of J&K's Senior Women's team has the distinction of being the only player from Jammu and Kashmir to be part of the Women's Premier League (WPL), besides having the honour of leading Jammu and Kashmir to historic quarter-finals berth in the Senior Women's One-Day Trophy this season.

The cricket fraternity of Jammu and Kashmir has hailed the Government's decision of nominating these ace athletes for this prestigious award.

Tennis Ball cricket trials on Feb 16, 17

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JAMMU: The J&K Tennis Ball Association is conducting selection trials for the Senior Men's and Women's teams for the 32nd Federation Cup Tennis Ball Cricket Championship.

These trials will be held over two days on the 16th and 17th of February, 2025, at M.A. Stadium in Jammu, starting promptly at 10:30 AM. The trials will be supervised by Gulshan Rattan and B.K. Tickoo, who can be contacted at 7006763920 for further details.

The selected players will represent Jammu & Kashmir in the prestigious Federation Cup

Championship, which is scheduled to take place from the 21st to 23rd of February 2025 at Sholinghur, Tamil Nadu.

For those wishing to participate in the selection trials, there are several important requirements.

Participants must come prepared with a complete cricketing kit and bring along the documents-an Aadhaar Card, a Domicile Certificate, a Physical Fitness Certificate issued by a physician, and six recent passport-sized photographs.

Additionally, participants should carry their personal cricket bat and any other equipment they may need

during the trials.

The screening of the selected teams will take place on the afternoon of 17th February 2025 at the same venue, M.A. Stadium.

Once the teams are selected, the chosen players will depart from Jammu on the morning of 18th February 2025 to travel to Tamil Nadu for the competition.

It is important to note that all selected players are responsible for covering their own expenses for travel from Jammu to Tamil Nadu and back. The trials present a valuable opportunity for local players to showcase their skills and represent J&K in a major national championship.

District Srinagar Carrom Championship begins

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SRINAGAR: The District Srinagar Carrom Championship commenced on Wednesday at the Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex (SKISC), Srinagar.

The championship is being organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Carrom Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council and spans two days, concluding on January 30, 2025.

Competitions are being held across Sub-Junior, Junior, and Senior categories for both boys and girls, adhering to international standards.

The event was officially



A carrom match in progress at Srinagar.

declared open by Adil Rashid Shah, President of the J&K Carrom Association. He was accompanied by Maqsood Khan, Incharge of SKISC, Arif Sultan Khan, Treasurer of the Jammu and Kashmir Carrom Association, along

with other association members and officials.

The championship is being held under the "My Youth My Pride" initiative by the J&K Sports Council, aiming to engage youth in sports and provide a platform for emerging talent.

Around 100 participants have registered and are competing in various categories, making the event highly competitive and engaging.

Results Day 1

Cadet Category: Girls: Hala Midha defeated Mansha Maqsood; Syeda Adil defeated Malika Maqsood.

Boys: Hassan Adil defeated Imaad Ayaz; Abu Bakar defeated Musa.

Sub-Junior Category: Girls: Hala Midha defeated Ridha Malik; Ridha Iqbal defeated Hadeqa.

Boys: M Usman defeated Adeel Badami; M Nubaid defeated Ziyun ul Haq.

Junior: Boys: M Aiyaan

defeated Musab Ahmad; Ahsan ul Haq defeated Mubashir; Arhan Rehman defeated Khawar Mehraj.

Senior Category: Girls: Mehak defeated Suriya Nazir; Muntazir defeated Hadika.

Men: Arkan Manzoor defeated Hilal Bashir; Ajaz Maqsood defeated Saleem Jan; Zaid Bin Ajaz defeated Adnan Anayat.

The J&K Carrom Association expressed its commitment to promoting carrom at the grassroots level and thanked the J&K Sports Council for their support. The championship will continue tomorrow with more exciting matches and the final rounds.

Yudhvir Sethi inaugurates multi-sports facility at Sidhra Calls for youth engagement in sports to combat drug menace

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JAMMU: BJP leader and MLA East, Yudhvir Sethi, on Wednesday inaugurated a modern multi-sports facility at Sidhra, near Tawi Vihar main gate, aiming to provide a positive recreational space for the youth.

The facility features snooker, skating (blades), chess, and other indoor and outdoor sports, along with a restaurant, making it a vibrant center for both sports and social gatherings.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi expressed concern over the rising menace of drug abuse among youth, stating that there is a dire need to divert young minds towards sports and constructive activities.

"Drug peddling is on the



MLA East, Yudhvir Sethi after inaugurating multi-sports facility at Sidhra, Jammu.

rise, and it is our collective responsibility to safeguard the future of our younger generation. Sports play a crucial role in keeping youth engaged, disciplined, and away from harmful influences," he asserted.

Sethi emphasized that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the BJP is committed to empowering youth through sports, education, and skill

development.

He urged parents and the community to encourage children to actively participate in sports, which not only enhances physical fitness but also instills discipline and teamwork.

Among others present included owner of Six pockets Oman Beigh and Shiv Kumar Sharma Mandal President Bajalta Mandal, Bishan Singh General Secretary, Deepal Singh, Romesh Gupta, Farman Ali, Mohd Asraf, Babis Kapoor, Sourav, Sohan Lal and others.

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Registrar XI clinches victory at Anant Khel 2025 Sports Meet at CUJ



Winner team posing for a photograph with faculty and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: In an exhilarating cricket match held under the Anant Khel-2025 sports meet at Central University of Jammu, Registrar XI secured a commanding victory against Faculty Youngstar XI with a stellar performance. The match witnessed an enthusiastic response, with a huge gathering of students, faculty members, and staff cheering for both teams. The 15-over match saw Youngstar XI winning the toss and electing to bat first. Under the leadership of Captain Bhawani Singh, the

team posted a competitive total of 118 runs for the loss of 7 wickets. Chasing the target, Registrar XI, led by captain Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CUJ and vice-captain Dr. Rajan Badyal, showcased outstanding batting skills. Openers Dinesh and Ranjan set the foundation for a successful chase, with Dinesh delivering a match-winning performance by scoring an unbeaten 50 runs, earning him the prestigious Man of the Match title. Registrar XI achieved the target in just 11 overs, scoring 119 runs for the loss of 3 wickets,

securing a well-deserved victory. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, congratulated the winning team for their outstanding performance and appreciated the spirit of sportsmanship of both teams in fostering a culture of sports and teamwork at the university.

Both teams displayed exceptional sportsmanship and competitive spirit, making the match an exciting spectacle. The players showcased remarkable performances, keeping the audience engaged throughout the game.

Skill Dev Workshop commences at GDC Marh Poonch to host J&K Kabaddi meet from Feb 7

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JAMMU: Student Welfare-Women Empowerment- IIC Committee, student president of Government Degree College Marh, in collaboration with Dogre Well Wisher Foundation, registered with the directorate of Handicraft J&K and Ministry of Textiles Government of India, organised 10 day workshop on handiercraft skills under the patronage of the principal of the college Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul. The resource persons for the workshop are Ritu Gupta and Arun Kumar from Dogre Well Wisher Foundation.



Students and faculty members during a workshop.

The inaugural session started with a welcome note by the college Principal, who emphasized the importance of handiercraft in generating self-employability and self-

sustenance among the rural youth and upholding and preserving the traditional culture of Jammu and Kashmir.

The workshop will provide

a platform to the participants to gain hands-on experience in Aari work hand-made embroidery. It shall also serve as a platform for fostering collaborations and enabling cultural exchange.

As many as 35 students along with faculty members registered themselves for the workshop. On the first day, the male as well as the female students were imparted the training in handling the Aari(needle) and the fundamentals of stitching which shall finally lead to fine embroidery. A healthy competition among male and female students was noticed

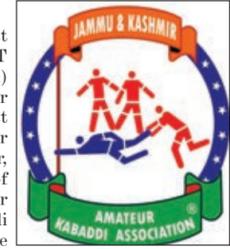
as an equipotential stakeholder of the society which was very encouraging under the NEP.

The faculty members who graced the occasion were Prof Madhvi Prasher, Prof Ashu Jolly, Prof Balwinder Saini, Prof. Sachin Bhagat, Gurleen Kour and Mrs. Shiksha. The inaugural session ended with avote of thanks by Dr. Sheetal Devi (HOD Dogri). The Principal of the college Dr.Rakesh Kumar Koul appreciated the efforts of the faculty members and students for their contribution towards the development of the college.

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POONCH: Poonch District shall host 22nd Senior UT Kabaddi (men and women) Championship at Mendhar from February 7 to 9 at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Mendhar, here under the banner of Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association and under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council.

This was stated by general secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta. He said that all the affiliated district kabaddi teams and those teams from belt forces shall contest for the top honours.



The last date of entry is on or before February 6 at 12:00 PM. Further, the selection for the Senior National Men and Women teams shall be made during the Senior U.T. Kabaddi Championship. These probable shall also attended coaching camp from February 10 at Mendhar only.

All the district players will come with their Aadhaar Card and Domicile Certificate and Medical Fitness Certificate from the Medical officers Belt Forces Players will come with Aadhaar Card along with their commanding officer letter and Medical Fitness Certificate from the Medical officers and all the players should be duly registered with Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India.

JKMGA felicitates International technical official Pankaj Malhotra



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JAMMU: Secretary, J&K Master Games Association (JKMGA), Neeti Kour felicitated Pankaj Malhotra and congratulated him as India won both the Men's and Women's World Cup 2025, creating history. Pankaj Malhotra played a key role in the World Cup as he acted as an International Technical Official. Recently, Pankaj Malhotra qualified for the ITO Exam of KKKFI. He was also selected from J&K for the International Technical Training Program conducted by KKKFI in New Delhi in 2024. Additionally, Pankaj Malhotra was a part of the final match of the World Cup.

In December 2024, he was awarded the Prof. Chaman Lal Khel Ratna for excellence in International Sports Kho-Kho as a player.

National Dance Sports C'ship winners felicitated on R-Day

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JAMMU: Children from Jammu and Kashmir UT, who participated in the recently concluded National Singing and Dance Sports Championship 2024-25 organized by Dance Sports Association Bharat in Vadodara Gujarat, were honoured and felicitated on the occasion of Republic Day celebration held at Bana Singh Stadium, R S Pura, here.

On the occasion, MLA Jammu South Dr. Narinder Singh Raina hoisted the National Flag alongwith Chief Guest Seema Parihar, SDM R.S Pura, Sub Division.

A galaxy of special guests including Tehsilidar, R.S Pura, R.S Parihar, SHO R S Pura were also present at the func-



National Dance Sports C'ship winners being felicitated on R-Day at Jammu.

tion.

The chief guest honoured the children and felicitated them for their achievement in national level competition and wished them good luck for their future competitions.

On the occasion, the children gave a beautiful performance which was enjoyed by the guests and gathering present

at the function and appreciated by the chief guest and other distinguished dignitaries.

The children felicitated on the occasion were Bhavneet Kour; Amanpreet Singh, Navjeet Singh, Jazzeleen Kour; Reyansh Sudan, Aaruli Bhagat, Pranvat Singh, Harliv Kour; Jasmeh Kour and Nishant Dogra.

'Last date for online admission, re-registration for Jan 2025 session is Jan 31'

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JAMMU: The last date for admission to IGNOU programmes for the ongoing January 2025 session is 31st January, 2025. The Regional Director Dr. Sandeep Gupta urged the prospective learners who intend to enroll themselves afresh and the already enrolled learners who are eligible to re-register themselves for next year or semester to avail the last day opportunity.

"To enroll in the next year or semester, students need to fill and submit the re-registration January 2025 form within the submission deadline. Candidates who did not attempt the term-end examinations or did not submit their assignments can still apply for re-registration 2025 in order to save the backlog period and can then appear for previous as well as newly registered courses in next Term-End Examination after completion of the minimum study duration," Dr. Sandeep said.

He added that the already enrolled learners can apply for IGNOU re-registration 2025 by visiting the official website of the IGNOU

www.ignou.ac.in, the direct link for which is <https://onlinerr.ignou.ac.in/> which can be accessed under the drop-down menu option "Register Online" on IGNOU website.

Before filling the admission form online, a candidate needs to create a User ID and Password on the SAMARTH portal and be ready with a Mobile No., Email ID, properly scanned academic documents, photograph and Bank Debit /Credit/Net Banking for payment of fee. Applicants can access the IGNOU admission portal 2025 at www.ignou.ac.in or directly following the link <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in>.

Before filling the re-registration form online, candidates must be ready with their User ID, Password, Registered Mobile Number, registered email address and Bank Debit /Credit/Net Banking for payment of fee. In case any student has forgotten his/her User ID/password or changed the registered mobile number, he/she must approach the Regional Centre or drop a mail on rejammu@ignou.ac.in with the request to reset the password.