

Churchill Bros, Kashmir United win in Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: The 18th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament, organized by the All J&K Sports and Cultural Welfare Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council and the J&K Football Association, got underway at Mini Stadium Parade Ground, Jammu.

The first match of the day featured Churchill Bros FC versus Akhnoor Tiger. The match was a closely contested affair, with Churchill Bros FC emerging victorious with a narrow 1-0 win. The winning goal was scored by Adonis in the 10th minute, securing the first win of the tournament.

In the second match,

Kashmir United FC faced Sainik Colony, and it was a dominant performance by Kashmir United, who won by a convincing scoreline of 4-1. The first half saw Kashmir United take a strong lead with goals from Baras (5th minute), Aazim (15th minute), and Ajay (36th minute). In the second half, Rahul Singh scored a

solitary goal for Sainik Colony in the 55th minute, but Kashmir United responded swiftly with a fourth goal from Junaid in the 63rd minute to seal their win.

The event was graced by O.P. Chib, DSP of J&K Police, as the chief guest. He was accompanied by Masoom, former Corporator

BJP, Ramesh Chander (International Player), Yousaf Don (Organizing Secretary), and other dignitaries, including David Masih, Rajesh Sumbria, Satpal Singh (Incharge Parade Ground), Mohd. Shuja, and Sodagar Mattoo.

The referees for today's matches were Ajay Singh, Bilal Ahmed, Romesh Sethi, and Kartik Sharma, who ensured smooth and fair conduct of the games.

Tomorrow's Fixtures: Jammu Sports FC vs Kashmir United FC at 12:00 PM; J&K Bank Academy vs Param FC at 2:00 PM.

Football enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting the upcoming matches as the tournament continues to showcase exciting local football talent.

16-member J&K Archery team named for Nationals



Selected Archery team posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: The Archery Association of Jammu and Kashmir has selected a talented team for the upcoming Sub Junior National Archery Championship, scheduled to be held in Rajasthan from January 3 to 10, 2025.

After thorough selection trials and screening by the J&K Sports Council officials, including Suraj Bhan

Singh (Manager, Indoor Sports Complex, MA Stadium Jammu), Dr. Gagandeep Singh, and Sunil Sharma (Hon. General Secretary, Archery Association of Jammu Kashmir), the 16-member Archery team has been selected.

The team: Paramjot Singh, Layak Dhar, Sam, Jaivardhan Singh, Pranav Singh, Aarush Sharma,

Aniket Sharma, Anshul Singh, Ashank Jandyal, Shambhavi, Manikanika Sharma, Mehroom Kossar, Sonja Mottan, Manya Sharma, Feriha, Soniya Chambyal and Team Coach Anant.

The Archery Association extended its congratulations to the selected players and wished them the best of luck in their preparation for the competition.

J&K fencers shine at 35th Senior National Fencing C'ship

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JAMMU: The fencers from Jammu and Kashmir have made a remarkable impact at the ongoing 35th Senior National Fencing Championship (Men & Women) 2024-25 in Kamur, Kerala. Vishal Thapar and Shreya Gupta, both competed in the sabre event, while Shivaansh Kapoor showcased his skills in the epee event, each earning individual bronze medals in their respective categories.

The exceptional performances of these athletes highlighted their skill and determination as they outclassed their opponents throughout the competition. The team of fencers received their approvals to participate from the Screening Committee of the J&K Sports Council and accompanied by Bisham Slatia as Coach and Rahul Sharma as Manager.

Nuzhat Gul, Secretary of the J&K Sports



Council, extended her congratulations to the medal winners and wished them the best of luck for their future endeavors.

The J&K Fencing Association (JKFA), along with senior coaches Rachna Jamwal and Shotu Lal Sharma, and fellow senior fencers, also joined in expressing their congratulations to the talented fencers for their outstanding achievements.

Verma Club Ludhiana enters semis of 13th Police Martyr's NZ T-20

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KATHUA: The first quarter-final match of the 13th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship was held at the Sports Stadium Kathua. This exciting knockout match attracted a large crowd of spectators from the region. The contest featured Verma Cricket Club Ludhiana and Bhawani CA Delhi, with both teams competing for a place in the semi-finals.

Bhawani CA Delhi won the toss and chose to bowl first. Batting first, Verma Cricket Club Ludhiana set a target of 149 runs in 20 overs, los-



Cricket match in progress and a player receiving Man of the Match trophy.

ing 5 wickets. The team's key contributions came from Rahul, who scored 36 runs off 27 balls, including 3 boundaries and a six, and Bhagwinder, who played a vital knock of 40 runs off 41 balls, with 2 boundaries and

a six. Their solid partnership helped set a competitive total.

In response, Bhawani CA Delhi struggled to chase down the target. The team was bowled out for just 98 runs in 18 overs, falling

short by 51 runs. Neelmani was the top scorer for Bhawani CA Delhi, making 18 runs off 20 balls, which included 2 boundaries and a six. Despite his efforts, the rest of the team was unable to build partnerships, and

they were dismissed well before the required target.

The victory was claimed by Verma Cricket Club Ludhiana, who won by 51 runs, and they became the first team to reach the semi-finals of the tournament. Bhagwinder was named the Man of the Match for his all-round performance, scoring 40 crucial runs for his team.

The match was attended by several dignitaries, including DSP HQ Manjeet Singh, DSP (DR) Subash Chander, and committee members such as Dr. Jatinder Singh, Ravinder Slatia, and Manmohan Singh.

Jal Shakti Minister inspects Rangil WTP; reviews functioning



Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana inspecting on Water Treatment Plant Rangil in Ganderbal.

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GANDERBAL: Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana, on Thursday inspected Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Rangil in Ganderbal to take stock of its functioning.

The Minister inspected various units of the plant and enquired about their operational status. He took stock of water supply to households, storage capacity, water reservoirs, pump room and water testing laboratories. He was informed that the water treatment plants at Rangil feed portable drinking

water to a large population of Srinagar city, Ganderbal district and few areas of Baramulla district.

While inspecting the 20 million gallons per day (MGD) and 10 MGD reservoirs at Rangil, Javed Rana maintained that nature has gifted the valley with abundant water resources and it is our prime duty to protect and keep them pollution free.

While sharing suggestions for further improvement, Rana urged upon the officials to carry out regular inspection of water tanks. He asked them to

keep the surroundings of Rangil WTP clean from any possible contamination of water. He stressed upon the concerned officials to ensure that quality water is supplied to the consumers besides regular water tests are done.

Javed Rana enjoined upon the officers to expedite the work on 5 MGD filtration plant, while maintaining set quality parameters, which will further boost the carrying capacity of the Rangil plant.

Appreciating the work of the officers of Jal Shakti

department, the Minister further emphasised on efficient water supply management and clean, safe drinking water supply to every household. He said that the government is committed to provide drinking water tap connections to

every household under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Department, Kashmir, Braham Jyoti Sharma, presented a brief about the functioning of both 20 MGD and 10 MGD WTPs and the future plans. He apprised the Minister that the water treatment plant assumes huge significance as it feeds potable drinking water to various habitations of Srinagar, Ganderbal and Baramulla districts. He also said that work is in progress on the 5 MGD water filtration plant and steps are afoot to complete it within the stipulated timeframe.

DLSA Srinagar & Budgam organise training prog for Legal Service Unit for Children

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SRINAGAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, in collaboration with DLSA Budgam, organized a two-day orientation training programme for the members of the Legal Service Unit for Children (LSUC) for the implementation of the NALSA Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children Scheme 2024.

The event, held under the chairmanship of Jaffer Hussain Beg, Chairman DLSA Srinagar/Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and Om Prakash Baghat, Chairman DLSA Budgam/Principal District & Sessions Judge, Budgam, aimed to enhance the understanding and execution of the



NALSA Scheme 2024.

The training programme was inaugurated at the ADR Centre, District Court Complex, Budgam, by Om Prakash Baghat in the presence of officials and members of the Legal Services Unit of DLSA Budgam.

The inaugural session underscored the scheme's significance in ensuring access to justice for children.

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SRINAGAR: In order to review the Action Plan regarding vision document 2047 for carrying out development process in Srinagar District over next 25 years, a meeting was held on the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here on Thursday in the Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

Besides, Chief Planning Officer Srinagar, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, the meeting was attended by General Manager DIC, Deputy Director Employment,

Assistant Commissioner Development, Assistant Commissioner Revenue and other Officers of line Departments.

During the meeting a comprehensive discussion was held involving key departmental goals aimed at transforming the District into a model of progress and sustainability.

The participants were sensitized about the objectives of the Vision document 2047 with detailed roadmap of all the sectors to be followed till 2047 for development and all other aspects with focused attention on connec-

tivity, modern infrastructure, protection of environment, transparent governance keeping community at the core of all the developmental process.

On the occasion, it was impressed upon all the Officers to furnish a comprehensive Action Plan along with the objectives to be achieved. The Officers were also asked to incorporate sector wise strategies to meet specific targets with focus on local resource utilization, private investment and involvement of community for inclusive development.

Members of the Legal Services Unit for Children from both DLSA Srinagar and Budgam actively participated in the discussions, sharing insights and experiences. The virtual participation of Budgam LSUC members enriched the discourse, contributing to a broader understanding of the scheme's objectives and strategies for its successful implementation.

This collaborative initiative reflects the commitment of DLSA Srinagar and Budgam to building a robust legal framework for the protection of children's rights, in alignment with the NALSA Scheme 2024.

DDC launches Baseline Survey under Mission Yuva in Baramulla

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BARAMULLA: District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa today launched the baseline survey under Mission Yuva at Dakbanglow Baramulla, a key initiative aimed at empowering youth and fostering entrepreneurship across the district.

The survey will identify unemployed, under-employed, and aspiring entrepreneurs, providing a valuable data to frame interventions such as loans, skill development programs, and other support mechanisms.

The survey to be conducted through a door-to-door approach, will cover all Panchayats, Blocks, and Villages in Baramulla.

A team of 75 supervisors and 1,500 investigators will be working to gather real-time data on the needs, aspirations, and challenges faced by the youth.

Speaking at the launch, the DDC emphasized the importance of the baseline survey in shaping the future of youth empowerment in the district. "This

survey will help us understand the specific needs and potential of our youth. Based on the data collected, we will provide them with tailored support through Mission Yuva, ensuring that every aspiring individual has the opportunity to succeed," the DC stated.

Mission Yuva is structured around four strategic pillars: Culture, Capital, Capacity, and Connectivity to provide a holistic framework for youth empowerment and entrepreneurship. These pillars are designed to create an ecosystem where youth can access financial resources, enhance their skills, preserve their cultural identity, and connect with relevant networks to fuel their success.

In addition, the District Development Commissioner directed all officers to gear up for an extensive IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) campaign, ensuring that the public is well-informed and engaged in the mission.

This campaign will play

a key role in raising awareness about the opportunities available under Mission Yuva and encouraging active participation from the community.

The DDC also directed all officers to ensure close monitoring of the survey's progress and to guarantee its successful implementation. Residents are encouraged to cooperate with the survey teams and ensure their participation, helping to build a stronger, more self-reliant Baramulla.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner Sopore SA.Raina, Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina, Chief Planning Officer Baramulla Javed Ahmad, General Manager District Industry Center Baramulla, Night Alam, SDM Pattan, Gulzar Ahmad, SDM Gulmarg, Syed Altaf Hussain Musvi, Assistant Director Employment Department, and other officers were attended the function.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, Chandan Vihar, Muthi, Matador Stand, PHE, Roop Nagar, BSF Paloura and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 03 from 8 pm to 1 pm.

Similarly, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Rajpura, Lala Chack, Old Mawa, BSF and its adjoining areas will remain affected on January 03 and 07 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

DC Baramulla signs MoU with NHPC for development of model border villages

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BARAMULLA: District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NHPC to implement the Creation of 5 Model Border Villages project under NHPC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.

The signing ceremony was attended by Chief Planning Officer Baramulla, Javed Ahmad, and Sub-Divisional Magistrate Uri, Javed Ahmad Rafter.

This Rs 2.5 crore project, with Rs 1 crore allocated



DC Baramulla, Minga Sherpa and NHPC representative during MoU signing ceremony.

for FY 2024-25, focuses on upgrading critical infrastructure in border villages, including schools, health centers, Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), sanitation facilities, centralized housing quarters, and the installation of transformers.

The project is scheduled for completion within 8 months, with a possibility of time extensions based on valid justification.

The scope of work includes the upgradation of schools, health centers, and AWCs, enhancing sanitat-

ion facilities, construction of centralized housing quarters, and installation of transformers for improved electricity access.

NHPC will provide Rs 1 crore in financial assistance for FY 2024-25, and the District Administration Baramulla will ensure the timely and effective execution of the project.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Baramulla emphasized the importance of such initiatives in empowering rural communities and enhancing infrastructure in remote areas. He lauded NHPC's CSR efforts and reiterated the administration's commitment to inclusive development.