

Haryana CA, Champions CC Chandigarh enter semis in 13th Police Martyrs NZ T-20

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: The ongoing 13th Police Martyrs Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship witnessed two electrifying quarter-final matches on Friday at the Sports Stadium, Kathua.

These matches, part of the knockout stage, attracted a large gathering of local spectators, all eager to see their favorite teams battle it out for a spot in the semi-finals.

The competition was fierce, with both matches providing thrilling finishes.

In the first quarter-final match, Haryana CA faced Sabhi XI. Winning the toss, Haryana CA chose to bat first and set a competitive total of 132/8 in their allotted 20 overs.

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A player receiving Man of the Match award.

standout performer, scoring a crucial 66 runs off 49 balls, which included 7 boundaries and 1 six. Ashwani Chhillar contributed with a useful 29 runs from 26 balls, supported by 2 boundaries and 1 six.

Chasing a target of 133 runs, Sabhi XI struggled to build partnerships. Despite a determined effort from

Aditya, who top-scored with 22 runs off 25 balls, the team fell short, finishing at 119 all out in 19.5 overs.

The disciplined bowling attack from Haryana CA kept the pressure high throughout, and they emerged victorious by 13 runs. Jasmeet Nain was named Man of the Match for his match-winning

knock of 66 runs.

In the second quarter-final, Champions CC Chandigarh took on L.B. Shastri Delhi. After winning the toss, L.B. Shastri opted to bowl first, and Champions CC Chandigarh set a challenging total of 132/10 in 20 overs.

Yashvardan played a brilliant innings, scoring 73 runs off 61 balls, with 7 boundaries and 3 sixes, leading his team to a competitive total.

Rajguru provided solid support with 32 runs from 30 balls, including 4 boundaries and 1 six. In reply, L.B. Shastri was unable to chase down the target, finishing at 119 all out in 19.1 overs.

Kushal Suman was the top scorer for his team, contributing 31 runs off 23

balls, with 2 boundaries and 2 sixes, but it wasn't enough to seal the win. Champions CC Chandigarh triumphed by 13 runs, with Yashvardan being named Man of the Match for his outstanding contribution of 73 runs.

With these wins, Haryana CA and Champions CC Chandigarh have secured their places in the semi-finals, where they will compete for a chance to reach the final.

Both teams have displayed excellent skills and determination, and the upcoming matches are sure to be as thrilling as today's quarter-finals.

VFI nominates J&K officials for National Volleyball Championship

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Volleyball Federation of India (Adhoc Committee)-the apex National Sports body, has nominated the office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K for smooth conduct of 69th Senior National Volleyball Championship (Men & Women) being held at Jaipur, Rajasthan from January 7 to 13, 2025.

In a communiqué issued by the organizing committee of the championship, Kuldeep Magotra CEO VAJK has been nominated as a Convener of Control Committee, Mohd. Tariq Joint Secretary of the Association as a member of



Kuldeep Magotra, Vijay Kumar Magotra, Mohd. Tariq

Coordination Committee whereas Vijay Kumar Magotra General Secretary of the Association as a member of technical committee.

On the basis of vast experience for organizing various National and International events in the past these officials have been tipped with assignments for successful conduct of the championship.

A contingent of JKUT (Men & Women) Volleyball teams comprising of total 36 players/coaches/officials is all set to participate in this National Championship.

Judo team selected for Nationals

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: After rigorous selection trials and screening by the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, a team of talented judokas has been selected to represent the region at the Senior National Judo Championship 2024-25. The prestigious event will be held at the KD Jadhav Indoor Stadium, IGS-Delhi, from January 4 to 7, 2025.

The selected judokas, along with their officials, are set to compete against the best in the country.

The rigorous trials and selection process ensured that only the most skilled athletes earned their spot on the team.



Judokas standing along with Suraj Bhan Singh Manager Indoor Sports Complex, Ritika Slathia Judo Coach and Suraj Sharma Gen Secy JAJ&K.

Selected Judokas for Senior National Judo Championship 2024-25 include Eshaan

Saini, Vishwas Jamwal, Akshay Sharma, Varun Sharma, Rajay Singh Chib, Danish Sharma, Ujjwal Khajuria, Suraj Bhan Singh,

Jimmo Devi, Khushi Thakur, Hidayat Shahid, Talha Fayaz, Tazeem Fayaz, Ambreen, Tanvi Thakur, Ritika Slathia, Rajesh Singh (Manager).

Khajuria's massive 159 falls short as Chhattisgarh drubs J&K in high scoring game

STATE TIMES NEWS
VIZAG: Despite achieving a rare feat of scoring highest runs in an innings of all three formats of Senior Men's Cricket, J&K's batting mainstay Shubham Khajuria's massive 159 runs on Friday went in vain as Chhattisgarh outplayed J&K Jammu and Kashmir by 7 wickets in a high scoring match of the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy at Dr YS Rajasekhara ACA VDCA Cricket Stadium, Vizag.

With today's 159 runs, Shubham has now become the highest scorer in an innings for J&K in all three formats of Ranji Trophy, Vijay Hazare Trophy and Syed Mushtaq Ali T20



Trophy, scoring 255, 159 and 85 runs respectively.

Earlier, put into bat, J&K scored a huge total of 337 runs in 47.3 overs. Shubham Khajuria scored 159 runs off 115 balls, studied with 20 fours and 5 sixes. He took the bowlers on a leather-hunt, tore them with power and punch and hit the ball with fluidity and

grace.

Beginning the innings with opener Vivrant Sharma (42), the duo made a partnership of 100 runs in 15.4 overs, before Vivrant's dismissal. Shubham continued brilliance and made another partnership of 100 runs with Musafir Ajaz (27), taking the team's total to 200 runs in 26.1 overs before Musafir's departure. Lone Nasir Muzaffar (32 off 37 balls) was the only other major contributor.

Ravi Kiran was the most successful bowler for Chhattisgarh who took 3 wickets, while Harsh Yadav and Gagandeep Singh claimed 2 wickets each.

In reply, Chhattisgarh rode on big centuries by

Ashutosh Singh and Sanjeet Desai, besides fireworks by PM Yadav and Amandeep Khare to chase the target in 48.3 overs by losing 3 wickets, thus winning the match by 7 wickets.

Ashutosh scored 127 runs off 104 balls studded with 9 fours and 6 massive sixes, while Sanjeet contributed 128 off 139 balls with 12 boundaries and 3 sixes. Yadav remained unconquered on 51 runs off just 33 balls with 4 fours and 3 sixes, while skipper Khare remained unbeaten on 21 runs off 15 balls with 2 fours.

Auqib Nabi, Lone Nasir Muzaffar and Yudhvir Singh claimed one wicket each for J&K.

U-16 Lawn Tennis meet from Jan 11

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association shall hold Under-16 (Boys and Girls) Jammu District Championship from January 11 to 13 at the Tennis Courts M.A Stadium, here. The entries for the event shall be closed on January 10 at 5:00 PM, a handout issued by the Association here on Friday informed. For details players can contact Jammu and Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association office at Anqaf Complex, Gandhi Nagar; here between 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM. Contact persons are Klushboo Thaploo (9103029212) and Hamunt Singh (9419190876).

Dhruv of J&K in Indian Handball team

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dhruv Seth of J&K has been selected in the Indian team for the IHF Trophy in Youth category Continental Phase-Asia which started today at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.

A product of Arun Sharma Handball Academy, here, Dhruv trains under the guidance of Bachan Dogra, a handout issued here today said.

Meanwhile Dhruv's selection has been hailed by the

president, J&K Handball Association, Narinder Mahajan and senior selector of the H a n d b a l l Federation of India (IHF), Ranjit Singh Chib.

Prior to his selection in the team Dhruv attended a 15 days coaching camp under the guidance of Mohd Tauheed.

Dhruv has already represented India last year in the 10th Asian men's Youth Handball Championship held at Jordan.

Glamorous Club, Jatt XI win in Chaar Sahibzaade Tournament

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: The ongoing Chaar Sahibzaade Cricket Tournament Edition 3 witnessed an action-packed day of thrilling cricket at the Sports Stadium Poonch on Friday. Two exciting matches took place, showcasing intense competition and sporting spirit.

The first match of the day was played between Glamorous Club and Star Kanyuan. In a nail-biting finish, Glamorous Club emerged victorious by a narrow margin of 8 runs. The match was filled with drama and excitement, as both teams gave their all



Rajinder Singh, Kulwant Singh, and Narinder Singh, ZPEO posing with organizers.

on the field, but Glamorous Club held their nerve and secured the win in the end.

The second match saw Star Viper facing off against Jatt XI. Jatt XI proved their mettle by win-

ning the match with a comfortable margin of 6 wickets. Their all-round performance and solid batting ensured they chased down the target with ease.

Today's event was graced

by Rajinder Singh, Kulwant Singh, and Narinder Singh, ZPEO, who attended as the Chief Guests. The distinguished guests interacted with the players and emphasized

the significance of sports in the overall development of individuals. They encouraged the players to continue pursuing sports with dedication, as it not only helps in physical fitness but also plays a vital role in building teamwork, discipline, and leadership qualities.

The Chaar Sahibzaade Cricket Tournament is being organized under the supervision of the Management Committee of the Chaar Sahibzaade Tournament and enjoys the strong support of the enthusiastic youth of Poonch.

Sat, Yudhvir felicitate roller-skating champions

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sat Sharma, President along with Yudhvir Sethi, MLA Jammu East, Narottam Sharma, ex corporator, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge and other senior leaders of party felicitated Kartikeya aged 21 and Puneesh aged 14 in presence of their father Ratnesh Puri.

Puneesh became national champion in a 62nd RSFI national championship in speed skating held at Mysore, Karnataka from 5th -15 December 2024. He received 2 gold and 1 silver in 1500-meter road race, 1000-meter ring race and 500-meter ring race.

Kartikeya earlier stood as no 1 ranked player in speed skating in whole nation in 2023 and had earlier received special cash reward of 1 lakh rupees from the LG of J&K.

Sat Sharma, while felicitating the young performers recommended



BJP leaders, Sat Sharma and Yudhvir Sethi felicitating winner skaters.

their skill, and dedication, which enabled them to achieve the feat.

He commended the youth of Jammu & Kashmir which has channeled their energies in the sports keeping their energies focused on the constructive works.

He said that their achievements have made their parents proud and also brought laurels to the city and whole of Jammu & Kashmir.

He said that these achievements also serve as the inspiration for the rest of the youth of Jammu & Kashmir to excel in their respective fields.

He also called for the improved facilities in the sports complex for the budding players which will enable them to earn more medals of the region. Yudhvir Sethi, while felicitating the Kartikey and Puneesh,

stressed on the contribution of their father in their careers. He said that as the combined efforts, the both skaters are set to scale more achievements in their future competitions.

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Kashmir United, Param FC win in 18th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The much-awaited 18th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament continued at the Mini Stadium Parade Ground, Jammu, 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.

The first match of the day featured Jammu Sports FC against Kashmir United FC. In a dominant performance, Kashmir United FC triumphed with an emphatic 8-2 victory. The goals for Jammu Sports FC came from Abhineet Singh, who scored in the 14th minute,

and Illyas, who found the net in the 47th minute. However, Kashmir United FC proved too strong, with Mujeeb opening the scoring in the 22nd minute. Azin played a pivotal role, scoring four goals at the 22nd, 55th, 57th, and 61st minute marks. Jazlan added two more goals in the 66th and 69th minutes, and Wajid completed the scoring with a goal in the 70th minute.

The second match of the day saw Param FC take on JK Bank Academy. In a well-contested match, Param FC secured a convincing 3-0 win, proving their strength on the field.

The Chief Guest for

today's matches was Ayush Gupta, the owner of Duggar Haveli Samba. He was accompanied by a distinguished group of individuals including Ramesh Chander (International Player), Yousaf Don (Organizing Secretary), David Masih, Kamaljeet, Rattan Lal, Nitin Singh, and Moon Stephen.

The matches were officiated by referees Aman Sudan, Kartik Sharma, Abhishek Chouhan, and Dheeraj Meenia, who ensured fair play throughout the games.

Tomorrow's Fixtures: Pegasus FC vs Surankot FC at 12:00 PM and Nagrota FC vs Katra FC at 2:00 PM.

Cadets from JKL Directorate excel at 67th National Shooting Competition

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate (JK&L Dte.) is proud to announce the outstanding achievements of Cadet Arushi Rajput and Cadet Krish Singh Chauhan, who had been selected for the 67th National Shooting Competition held at Bhopal from 15th to 31st December 2024. These cadets are amongst the top 45 candidates selected from all 17 NCC Directorates across the country, marking a significant milestone for the region.

Cadet Krish Singh Chauhan has made a remarkable leap in his shooting career. After competing at the Nationals, he has now earned the prestigious title of a National Shooter, a feat that reflects his extraordinary skill and commitment to the sport. His performance in the competition has established him as a rising star in shooting.

On the other hand, Cadet Ayushi Rajput has qualified for the India Trials for International Shooting Events, an extraordinary achievement that positions her to represent India on the global stage. Arushi's qualification for these trials speaks volumes about her exceptional talent and determination in the sport. In recognition of their remarkable achievements, Major General Anupinder Bevi, VSM, Additional Director General (ADG) of the NCC Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate, felicitated the cadets. He commended their dedication and perseverance, emphasizing how the NCC continues to provide young cadets with valuable exposure to sports, nurturing their potential and helping them achieve their goals.



Second edition of Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League to begin in Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League (REIHL) returns to Ladakh for its second season, scheduled to take place from January 4 to 13, 2025 at the Navang Dorjay Stobdan (NDS) Stadium, Leh. This year's league aims to build on the momentum of its inaugural edition, which saw a total of 6000 spectators, once again bringing together local talent from across the region. The Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League 2025 will feature a total of 30 matches - 23 in the men's category and 10 in the women's, over a span of 10 days. The men's tournament is structured into two groups of five teams each, with the top two teams advancing to the semi-finals. The women's tournament will also follow a two-group round-robin format, with three and two teams in each group, followed by semi-finals and then finals on January 12. The men's championship final is set for January 13. Men's Team: Changla Blasters, Kangs Sing, Zangskar Chadar Tamers, Maryul Spawo, Shakar Chiktan Royals, Sham Wolves, Purig Warriors, Changthang Shans, United Nubra and Humas Warriors.

Women's Team: Maryul Spawo, Sham Eagles, Changla Lamo, Skara Chiktan Queens and Humas Queens.

Match schedules, results, and behind-the-scenes updates will be available on the official website and social media channels. Follow @royalenfieldsocialmission on Instagram for exclusive content and updates.

V-Sports Club Shines in JKUT Judo Championship

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a remarkable display of talent and determination, V-Sports Club has emerged as a top contender in the JKUT Judo Championship.

The club's exceptional performance led to the selection of six judokas for the prestigious National Championship to be held in Pune from 21st to 26th

January 2025.

The selected judokas are Shurbi Anuragi, Shilpa Rajput, Sunakshi Devi, Tanvi Thakur, Ikshita Midtada and Zubair.

These athletes have made their mark in the championship and will now represent Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory at the national level. Their impressive performances reflect not only their indi-

vidual skill but also the dedication and hard work they have put into their training.

The judokas have been rigorously trained by Manish Chhatwal, a renowned Judo coach and a black belt holder. Under his expert guidance, the athletes have honed their techniques and strategies, which played a crucial role in their successful selection for the National Championship.