

Administration XI beats Secretary XI in friendly T-20



Administration XI and Secretary XI teams posing for a photograph with organisers of friendly T20 match at MA Stadium Jammu.

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JAMMU: Administration XI defeated Secretary XI by five wickets in the friendly T-20 cricket match organized by J&K Sports Council at MA Stadium, here on Saturday. Earlier batting first after winning the toss, Secretary XI scored 120 for the loss of ten wickets in 20 overs. Naseer, Zaffar and Anil scored 20 runs each while Shafat chipped in with 14 runs. At one point of time it looked that Secretary XI would put up good target however Administration XI bowlers led by Rajesh Gill for-

mer Ranji Trophy player, who bagged three wickets, Mukesh Singh, Hasseb-U-Rehman and Chandan Kohli with two wickets each halted their progress. In reply, Administration XI team comfortably chase the target making 121 runs for the loss of five wickets in 19 overs. Southpaw Mudassir played a fine inning and remained not out on 55 while Rajesh Gill also played well and smashed useful 42 runs. They not only studied the innings but simultaneously kept the score board ticking. Though there were some

flashy performances deep down the batting order by Raghav Langer and Mukesh Singh, who scored 14 and 10 runs respectively while the winning runs was hit by Chandan Kohli. For Secretary XI, Nazim Zai Khan and Anil scalped two wickets each while skipper Mohamad Yaqoob Itoo took one wicket. For his all-round performance, Rajesh Gill was declared as the Man of the Match. The Administration team was led by Mukesh Singh ADGP Jammu and comprised of many prominent

faces including Raghav Langer Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Arny Lavasa Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, Hasseb-U-Rehman Senior Superintendent of Police SDRF, Chandan Kohli Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu besides other officers and officials. The Secretary XI was led by Mohamad Yaqoob Itoo, Director General Budget and also included many prominent faces from the J&K administration, which included Nazim Zai Khan Secretary

Disaster Management Relief & Rehabilitation, Shafat Yahya Joint Director Budget, Dr. Zaffar Ahmad and Naseer Ahmad, Chief Accounts Officers J&K Sports Council and Power Corporation respectively and other officials from varied departments including Sports Council. The venue was abuzz with the activities as many kids along with coaches from many sports disciplines thronged the stadium early morning to support both the teams. Among the present, also included many medalists who had recently returned after

competing in various national tournaments and bringing laurels to the J&K. Couple of Santa Clause also arrived on the scene and distributed sweets and other gifts among kids. A large cake was also cut to mark the celebration of medallists and to commemorate the Christmas. Secretary Sports Council Nizhat Gul, who supervised the arrangement, was present in the ground along with Divisional Sports Officer Ashok Singh and other officials of J&K Sports Council for putting necessary arrangements in place. While congratulating both the teams for putting up an excellent match, she said that such events are an ideal way of building team spirit and camaraderie amongst the officers and officials from varied government departments and also provides a healthy ecosystem for sports culture to flourish. She also assured that more such matches not only cricket but other sports disciplines for people of all walks of life will be held under 'Sports for all' programme.

Tirthi flags off Kho-Kho teams



Kho-Kho teams posing with dignitaries before flagging off.

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JAMMU: Senior Vice President of the J&K Kho-Kho Association and Treasurer of J&K Olympic Association (JKOA), B.S Tirthi on Saturday flagged off the J&K teams for the 54th Senior National Kho-Kho Championship to be held at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh from tomorrow. Among other prominent present at uniform presentation and flag off function were Ajay Gupta (Coach), Pankaj Malhotra (International player), Tarmeet Sheenu and Sunil Sharma. The Teams: MEN: Yogesh Kumar, Sahil

Angural, Sahil Dev, Hunykeit Sharma, Surjit Rana, Damanpreet Singh, Ummer Ahmad Rather, Inam-Ul-Haq Baba, Shabir Ahmad, Manpreet, Dev Kumar and Mohd Tahir. Rohit Sharma (Coach) and Dhiraj Sharma (Manager). WOMEN: Shamli Choudhary, Toshi Devi, Meenakshi Thakur, Vishali Devi, Iqra Shakeel, Sonika Sharma, Shivani Sharma, Sapna Devi, Kashu Devi, Sneha Mahajan, Palvi Devi and Neha Rani. Pooja Sharma (Coach) and Sangli (Manager). Officials: Amrinderpal Singh and Fayaz Ahmad Pala.

District Samba Wushu meet begins



(Retd) DIG of J&K Police, Ashok Kumar Atri inaugurating Wushu meet.

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SAMBA: District Samba Wushu Championship organised by the Samba District Association commenced on Thursday at Indoor Hall, here. The event was declared open by retired DIG of J&K Police, Ashok Kumar Atri amidst interaction

with the participants, officials and technical panel. Also present were Principal GOW Brahma School, Kalpana Gupta; DySP Samba, Usmaan choudhary and SHO, Deepak Jasrotia. Around 200 participants from different educational

institutions and clubs of the district have reported for the two-day event. The opening day of the competition witnessed bouts in sub-junior boys and girls categories whereas the second day and concluding day shall hold events in junior and senior groups.

Youth participation in sports imperative for physical, mental agility: Rana

► Declares open XI Sr National Kurash Championship



Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana declaring open XI Senior National Kurash Championship 2021-22 at Jammu.

Rana said while wrestling or Dangal, once a most admired traditional sport, has again become very popular in this part of the country in recent years, its new format in Kurash is really a welcome feature keeping in view the interest and enthusiasm among the youth towards this sport. He appreciated

the potential and skill of those who participated in the event, hoping this will inspire and motivate the youth towards this discipline of the sport. Such pursuits are imperative to channelize the youth energy towards positive direction. The day is not far when the motivated youngsters of Jammu would

showcase their talent at the national and international level given their grit and determination. He also hoped that those drawn towards Kurash will specialise in different facets of the activity, which will keep them in good stead to face the competitive sports world confidently. The BJP leader said sports present a unique opportunity to young boys and girls to excel and bring laurels, not only for themselves, but for the place they belong to as well. He wished the participants all the best and success in their endeavours in future events as well. Jammu's Danish Sharma, who is credited with clinching fifth place in the Asian Games held at Jakarta in

2018, had a bout with Amiz-ullah Khan of Gujarat. The performers got big applause from the sports lovers who watched the event. The highlight of the event was the participation of players from various parts of the country. Rana complimented the organisers for holding the event while exuding confidence that this discipline of sport will attract the local youth in a big way. Besides Ravi Kapoor, President Kurash Association, Rahul Vyas, Secretary, Shashi Balgotra, Vice President, Rohit Gupta, Treasurer and Vikas Dogra Coach, prominent among those present on the occasion also included Singh Corporator and others.

Red Rose Arnia wins 5th Mata Joginder Kour Memorial 2021 Badminton Championship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Red Rose Arnia team defeated host Unique Public Senior Secondary School, Gadigarh in the nail biting final match of senior category and lifted the trophy of 5th Mata Joginder Kour Memorial 2021 Badminton Championship, here on Friday. In the closing ceremony, General Secretary Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K, Narinder Singh was the chief guest, who was welcomed by the by the Chairman and trustee of the host Unique Public Senior Secondary School. The students if the school presented a welcome dance and a song while Unique School Band pre-



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

sented a mesmerizing chores while welcoming the Chief Guest. Narinder Singh, while presenting trophy to the winner team, appreciated the players and lauded the efforts of the school in pro-

viding the students with an atmosphere where the overall development of the child is kept in perspective. He also appreciated school management for providing best support system to students to hone not only

their academic skills but also upgrade their skills in

Satwari Zone students leave for Reasi Trekking Camp

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JAMMU: Part of the ongoing exposure trips to the nature and places of importance via the medium of trekking camps by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), a group of 125 students of Zone Satwari on Saturday left for Reasi for a five-day activity. The group of students and accompanying officials were flagged off by the Director DYSS, Gazanfar Ali at Government Model Middle School, Satwari, here. Also present were Deputy Director DYSS, Jatinder Mishra and district (DYSS) officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma. The trekking camp is being

extracurricular activities. Welcome speech was given by Amarjeet Singh (Lecturer Physical Education). Harbans Singh, husband of Late Joginder Kour, was also present on the occasion. The chairman and trustee of the school also congratulated the winners and promised to promote the overall growth of the students. In the vote of thanks, the Chairman, Jasbir Singh congratulated the winner and wished everyone a joyous new year.



Director DYSS, Gazanfar Ali flagging off students for trekking camp.

held under the overall supervision of Satvinder Kour (ZPEO Satwari) and other field staff members of Zone Satwari. "The main motive of the Trekking is to acquaint the students about natural habitat of hilly areas and to know about

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: The Army Wives Welfare Association, Northern Command conducted the Northern Command Inter Army Public Schools Ethics Bowl 2021 for the first time in the history of Army Public Schools of Northern Command. The initiative to conduct this unique competition in Army Public Schools of Northern Command was taken by Ina Joshi, Regional President, AWWA Northern Command.



The competition witnessed the participation of Eight Army Public Schools of Northern Command with over forty students and after a series of 14 matches, the two schools that reached the finals were Army Public School Udhampur and Army Public School Rukhmuti. All the matches were conducted virtually. Both the teams debated on the "Ethical issue of too young to vote and reacting to racists chants".

Ina Joshi, Regional President AWWA, Northern Command, graced the occasion as Chief Guest of the event. The winner of First Northern Command Inter Army Public Schools Ethics Bowl 2021 was Army Public School Udhampur. The winners of the competition were felicitated with the winner's trophy and individual medals. The event was hosted by Army Public School Dhar Road.

Parvaiz guides Poonch XI win in Winter Cup



Organisers presenting Man of the Match award to a player.

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POONCH: Superb all round performance from Parvaiz Malik Afridi on Saturday guided Poonch XI to a big 48 runs win against Narhad Cricket Club in the ongoing Winter Cup, here. Parvaiz hit a brilliant half century making 53 runs to guide his side to 160 runs in 15 overs. Gurvinder Singh too played fine innings contributing 56 runs while Iftikhar Bhatti contributed 22. In reply, Narhad Cricket Club was bowled out for 112 runs, courtesy two important wickets taken by Parvaiz. Later, Parvaiz was declared Man of the Match for his all round performance. In today's match, Ishtiaq Ahmed and Javed Ahmed were special guests. In total, 56 teams are taking part in this tournament which is being organised by Khidmat Foundation Poonch.

Trekking by DYSS's Miran Sahib Zone concludes



Trekkers receiving certificates at Jammu.

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JAMMU: A five-day trekking cum residential camp for about 120 boys and girls drawn from different educational institutions of Miran Sahib Zone concluded under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Mansar on Saturday. The Trekking expedition was organised under the patronage of Director DYSS under the overall supervision of district (DYSS) officer, Jammu. "Students were involved in different activities like Trekking to Deorgarh and Mahoregarh Forts (Tb and fro distance of approximately 15 km for each expedition), Painting, Rangoli,

Demo in Rafting?, Cleanliness drive of premises and surroundings (50 kg of plastic collection) during their stay at the Mansar," informed Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Rakesh Kakar. At the valedictory of five-day camp, Everest and head of the mountain rescue team of the J&K Police, Ram Singh Slathia was special guest, who interacted with the participants and gave away the prizes to those who did well in various activities organised by the DYSS. Ram Singh asked the students to work hard and never give up in life. The proceedings were conducted by the ZPEO,

Jodhamal School secures top ranking in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School has been ranked as the top School in J&K, consecutively seventh year in a row by the prestigious Magazine, Education World. For the past 15 years, Education World in collaboration with C-Pore have been conducting a nationwide survey in May-June and more than 5,000 top schools all over India participate in this survey. Jodhamal success can be attributed to improved performance across the 14 parameters like Academic Reputation, Competence of Faculty, Co-Curriculum Activities, Infrastructure, Discipline, Community Service, Sports Education, Leadership, Management quality, Life Skills & teacher-student ratio.



Nandan Kuthiala receiving award.

Recently, the award winning Schools of respective states were felicitated recently in New Delhi, wherein Nandan Kuthiala, received this prestigious award on behalf of

the school.

On behalf of the organizer, Dilip Thakore, Bhavin Shah, Sunniya Yasmeen and other members of the Education World, congratulated all the winner and highlighted the changing preference from Pure academic-based education to holistic education. Dilip Thakore appreciated Jodhamal Public School for giving the education par excellence to the next generation. Management said "The award is a testimony of the hard work, dedication, and sense of purpose of each and every stake holder of the Jodhamal fraternity". They also thanked the staff, students and parents of team Jodhamal for their collaborative approach and hard work which made this award possible.