

JKPS Panjtirthi observes National Pollution Control Day



Glimpses of activities done to mark National Pollution Control Day at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi on Thursday observed National Pollution Control Day with an aim to raise awareness among the Jakiains about the increasing air pollution

and educating them about the hazards of air pollution. Simran Sharma sensitized the students about the current scenario of environmental pollution, its disastrous consequences and suggested different

methods to stop and control air pollution. Jakiains recited slogans on "Go Green" and urged the audience to create a clean and pollution free environment for a healthy living.

They made posters and came forward with inspiring messages and also an informative short skit on the agents of pollution and ways of minimizing them. Students actively took the pledge to save Mother Earth for themselves and for the coming generations.

Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah said, "It is necessary to control pollution and it is not only the Government's duty, we should also participate and make the environment clean as a clean environment helps people to do their tasks in a better way and live life happily."

She further encouraged the students to understand the importance of preserving natural resources and discouraging further depletion of the environment.

Rahul Dev wins silver in Masters Class Physique

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Veteran Physique



player Rahul Dev Manhas, 59-year-old again flex his muscles to end up on podium of Masters Class Physique ICN Goa International held on December 10 and 11, 2022 at Grand Giggis Auditorium in South Goa. This time he got silver medal despite nursing his injury.

In this competition his daughter also contested in Street model and also end up on podium.

When Sports correspondent contacted him and asked him about future endeavours, he said as long as he is breathing he is going to compete.

However for next 6 months he is going to take rest and train his students, as he has to go for corrective surgery for elbow. He thanks his Senior Officers and in particular MD JPDCL and CE Projects for letting him to pursue his goals.

Vijay Merchant Trophy Dhruv emerges top run getter in India, magical Jeevesh spins web



Jeevesh Gupta Dhruv Sharma

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Scoring a total of 511 runs with a highest score of unbeaten 236 runs and an average of 175.75 in 5 innings of the three matches in Vijay Merchant Trophy played so far this season, J&K's young batter, Dhruv Sharma has topped the list of highest scorers in India.

With 476 runs Aaron George of HYCA and 474 runs Abhigyan Kundu of MCA are at second and third spots respectively.

In the first match against Uttarakhand, Dhruv scored 73 runs in the first and 107 runs in the second innings, while in the second match against Mizoram, the gritty batter scored marathon 235 not out against Mizoram in the first innings and in the third match against Tamil Nadu, the talented youngster scored 59 runs in the first innings and 36 runs in the second innings.

The distinction of his double century was that he hit 39 delectable boundaries.

Meanwhile, magical left-arm spinner Jeevesh Gupta is at third spot in India with 18 scalps in his kitty in the three matches of Vijay Merchant Trophy played so far in the season.

Jeevesh spun web around the rival batters and took 4 wickets by conceding 34 runs in 14 overs in the first innings of the match against Uttarakhand and 5 wickets by giving away 42 runs in 19 overs he bowled in the second innings.

In the second match against Mizoram, Jeevesh took 2 wickets in the first innings and 4 wickets in the second innings.

The left-arm orthodox was brilliant with 3 wickets against formidable Tamil Nadu, thus taking his tally to 18 wickets in the tournament so far to grab third spot among top wicket takers in the tournament.

"Dhruv Sharma prolific U16 batsman tops the list of highest scores after first three matches in Vijay Merchant Trophy 2022. A batting prodigy in the making. #JKCA #TalentHuntDividend. Another find of Talent Hunt, Jeevesh Gupta with 18 wickets in the bag is the third highest wicket taker after first three matches in Vijay Merchant Trophy 2022. A spin magician with the ball. #JKCA #TalentHuntDividend," tweeted Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA.

J&K Bank enters final of Christmas Cup Football



Mayor JMC, Rajinder Sharma interacting with players.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: J&K Bank first

team to enter the ongoing 16th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament, organised by the All J&K Sports and Cultural Welfare Association under the Aegis of J&K Football Association at GGM Science College ground, here.

Earlier in the first semifinal played on Thursday, J&K Bank outplayed Lone Star FC by four goals to nil.

For J&K Bank, first goal was scored by Uneeb in 5th min followed by second, third and fourth goal by Akif in 7th, 53rd and 71st minutes respectively.

Today's match was officiated by Dheeraj Menia, Aman, Aman Sudan and Satnam Singh

In today's match, Rajinder Sharma, Mayor JMC was the Chief Guest. Other present were Gaurav Chopra (Corporator), Anil Masoom (Corporator & Vice President of Association), David Masih (NIS Coach & Vice President of the Association), Ashok Sharma (Sr. Player), Yousaf Don (Org. Secy.), Ramesh Chander (International Player), Amardeep Singh (International Player), Kamaljeet Kumar (Coach), Rakesh Kumar (International Player), Rajesh Sumbria, Peter Sandhu, Sodagar Mattoo, Clint Mattoo, Amit Sotra (all Senior players) and Pastor Lovey (Pastor).

Tomorrow Semifinal: Shaheen FC to face City Udhampur FC at 2:00 PM.

Ramnagar Club lifts Women's Volleyball trophy

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** UDHAMPUR: Ramnagar

Club outplayed GCW Club in the final of women section and won the trophy of Volleyball Tournament being organized by Volleyball Association District Udhampur (VADU) under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir at Happy Model School and Brhamrishi Bamwra Shanti Vidya Peeth School, here on Thursday.

In today's matches, Principal GCW Udhampur, Monika Sharma was the Chief Guest and Kewal Kumar was Guest of Honor. Tournament was organized under the overall supervision of District President VADU, Raj Guru.

Today matches were officiated by the technical panel comprising Naveen Kumar, Sanjay Sharma, Vinod Sharma, Suresh Pal, Vinod Khajuria, Suresh Pal, Rajesh Kumar, Sanjeev Verma and Bhopinder Singh.

Prominent persons present were Munish Gulati, Vikram



Chief Guest presenting trophy to the winner women team.

Gulati, Pardeep Bakshi, Kuldeep Kumar, Mulkh Raj, Principal BBSVP Ashwani Kumar, Neha Kumari and Manakshi Sharma.

MEN semifinals: Udhampur Volleyball Club beat Ram Nagar Club by 2-1 (25-21, 24-26, 15-13); and CVC defeated Chiriyai Volleyball Club by 2-0 (25-23, 25-15).

WOMEN final:

Ramnagar Volleyball Club defeated GCW by 2-0 (25-18, 25-16) and lifted championship trophy. Earlier, Shivalik College defeated Women College Volleyball Club by 2-0 (26-24, 25-21); APS defeated BBSVP by 2-0 (25-9, 25-18); Ramnagar College defeated Shivalik College 2-0 (25-7, 25-16); and Women College beat APS by 2-0 (25-16, 25-6).

PG Deptt wins Inter-Collegiate Men TT trophy



Director Sports JU, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba presenting trophy to winner team.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: PG Department

outplayed GDC Poonch by 3-0 in the final and won the trophy of Inter-Collegiate Men Table Tennis organized by Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu in the Table Tennis Hall of the university, here in Thursday.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba Director Sports, JU dis-

tributed the prize money among the winner and congratulated the second and third place winners. P.D Singh, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Mukesh Sharma and Balbir Singh were also present.

Final result: PG Department beat GDC Poonch by 3-0. 1st Singles, Ritvik Gupta beat Nishant Bhalla by 3-0. 2nd Singles, Asad beat Zafar Ahmed by 3-0. 3rd Singles, Manandeep Singh beat Vanshika Kapoor 3-0. For third place, GDC Udhampur beat GCET by 3-2.

Matches were officiated by Ravish Vaid and Meenu Ragesh.

Irtiga wins first prize in Debate competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Irtiga Tariq,



Second Prof student of Jammu College of Physiotherapy (JCP), won first prize and cash reward in Annual Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Debate Competition held on Thursday at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

Principal of the College, along with whole faculty congratulated Irtiga for bringing laurels to college. Chairperson of the College, Suman Sharma and management of JCP also congratulated her on this achievement.

Rocky rocks to plot Tulmull collapse; Bindroo, Akash, Raj dazzle with willow

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Rocky Raina of

Sai Cricket Club rocked with the ball, scalping 3 important wickets to plot collapse of Tulmull Tigers, while Amit Bindroo, Akash Raina and Raj Bhat sparked with the willow as Sai Cricket Club and Ikvat Cricket Club on Thursday registered convincing victories over their rivals in the ongoing Kashmiri Pandit Premier League (KPPL) Edition-III being organised by Lalitaditya Education, Sports and Health Organisation, under the patronage of its President, Anil Bhat and overall supervision of Ankur

Bagati and Ashish Kachroo at KC Sports Club ground, here.

In the first match played today, Sai Cricket Club got the better of Tulmull Tigers in an easy contest by 9 wickets.

Batting first, Tulmull Tigers bundled out for 112 runs in the stipulated 20 overs. Deepak Raina top scored with 21 runs off 24 balls, studded with 2 fours.

Rocky Raina was the wrecker-in-chief for Sai Cricket Club, who plotted collapse of the rivals, taking 6 wickets by conceding 19 runs in his 4 overs.

In reply, Sai Cricket Club



Dignitaries presenting Man of the Match award to a player at KC Sports Club in Jammu.

chased the target easily in 10.2 overs by losing 1 wicket, thus won the match by 9 wickets. Akash Raina top scored with power-packed 62 runs off 37 balls with 4 fours and 4 sizes, while Chander Mohan

contributed 40 runs off 22 balls with 4 fours and 3 sizes.

For Tulmull Tigers, none of the bowlers was impressive. Rocky Raina was declared as the man of the match for his brilliant bowling display.

In another match, Ikvat Cricket Club got the better of Last Picks XI in an easy contest by 30 runs.

Batting first, Ikvat Cricket Club scored a good total of 172 runs in the stipulated 20 overs. Amit Bindroo played a brilliant innings of 83 runs off 44 deliveries, studded with 7 fours and 5 sixes. He showed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up power-packed half-century, displaying sublimity and brilliance.

None of the bowlers from Last Picks XI hit good areas to restrict batsmen.

In reply, Last Picks XI scored 142 runs in 20 overs, losing 6 wickets in the

process, thus lost the match by 30 runs. Rajat Bhat contributed 60 runs off 39 deliveries including 9 fours and 2 sixes.

For Ikvat Cricket Club, Akash Saproo took 2 wickets, while Sunny Mattoo and Anil Mantoo claimed 1 wicket each. Amit Bindroo was adjudged as the man of the match for his magnificent batting display.

Rashim Deepika, Financial Advisor Science and Technology Department, J&K was the chief guest in post match presentation, who alongwith Vinay Thussu honoured man of the match awardees.

CS inaugurates 'Nation First Winter Sports Festival' Distributes sports gear among athletes

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** SRINAGAR: Chief

Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday inaugurated Nation First Winter Sports Festival 2022 at Synthetic Turf Football Stadium, TRC ground.

The Chief Guest was accompanied by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Secretary, YS&S and Secretary J&K Sports Council and other officers from the police and civil administration were also present on the occasion.

Dr Mehta on the occasion interacted with the people and football clubs/teams/Academies and with the registered trainees of sports council football academy and distributed the sports kits among them.

On the occasion the Chief Secretary remarked that the government has created world class infrastructure in the UT during the last couple of years. He further said that



CS, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta interacting with players.

Sports is the priority of the government and a lot of resources have been earmarked for uplifting the sports in J&K.

Dr Mehta enjoined upon the Council to organise such activities in other parts of J&K. He told them to engage youth in every part in different sporting activities so that they are able to continue the extracurricular activities in winter also. He advised them to utilize the facilities created recently fully for the benefit of youth of J&K.

He further stated that winter sports provide opportunities to youth to continue showcasing their talent during these months also. He made out that the LG administration is going to provide every sort of infrastructure and facility to the sports lovers so that they do not have to stagnate themselves during any part of the year. He encouraged the youth to excel in sports by taking full advantage of these facilities.

Dr Mehta observed that

the administration this year gave opportunity to some 50 lakh youth to demonstrate their sporting skills across the length and breadth of J&K. He declared that it has been made a reality to have a playfield in every panchayat and at least an Indoor Stadium in each district.

He stated that youth outside the twin cities of Jammu and Srinagar can also play games till late hours at stadia provided with flood lights in each district. He stated that a culture of sports and cultural activities is taking roots in J&K. He said that every person young or old is encouraged to take up either sports or culture to channelize his/her energy towards better and healthy activities.

Later a football match was played under flood lights in the ground as an inaugural opening match of the sports festival for sports lovers of valley.

Kishtwar Admn, Army organise River Rafting in Paddar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** KISHTWAR: To promote

adventure sports and provide opportunity to local youth, District Administration Kishtwar in collaboration with tourism department & Indian Army on Thursday organized a Rafting event in Gulab Garh area of Paddar Sub Division.

The rafting rally was flagged off by Additional District Development Commissioner Kishtwar; Sham Lal, in presence of Lt Col. 17RR Dul Anshuman Patil, BDO Paddar Anjil Singh and BDO Ravi Kumar besides other sports lovers. The rally commenced



Participants at start of rafting.

from Gulab Garh bridge and culminated at a point near Tatapani link road with due adherence to all SOPs. About 300 water sports lovers and locals watched the event as 50 rafters roved through the gushing water of Chenab River. The

event got a promising response from the locals as well as the people from the other parts of the District. The event will continue tomorrow and all the interesting persons are requested to join the event to make it successful.