

J&K beats Maharashtra, Chandigarh in National Volleyball

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JAMMU: After losing first match against Andhra Pradesh, J&K team bounced back with comfortable wins against Maharashtra and Chandigarh in the ongoing 25th Youth National Volleyball Championship, organised by Madhya Pradesh Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Federation of India at Panna in Madhya Pradesh.

As per the reports reaching here, J&K, in second match, made it a straight 3-0 win against Maharashtra with set score being 25-23, 25-17, 25-18.

In the third match, J&K



Volleyball match in progress between J&K and Maharashtra.

team also played well and outplayed Chandigarh with straight 3-0 (25-15, 25-08, 25-15).

Vipan Kumar, Mohd Riaz and Sumit Singh remained in limelight for their superb display of spikes and blocks thus helped the side to register two consecutive wins.

However in its opening match yesterday, J&K lost to Andhra Pradesh by 3-1 (15-25, 21-25, 25-19, 23-25).

Placed in group-B, J&K shall now meet opponents from Uttarakhand, Tripura and Rajasthan in the next outings.

Kreeda Bharati J&K felicitates Dattatreya



Kreeda Bharati J&K members felicitating Dhattatreya Hosabale, Seh Sarkarwaha of RSS.

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JAMMU: Kreeda Bharati Jammu and Kashmir felicitated Dhattatreya Hosabale, Seh Sarkarwaha of RSS with mementos from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi on the sidelines of the ongoing National Convention of the Kreeda Bharati at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.

President of the Kreeda Bharati J&K, Shiv Kumar Sharma and secretary, R C Vaid did the honours. Other dignitaries on the stage were also presented the mementos while around 500 participants were offered Prasada by the J&K team.

Earlier, the three-day Convention was inaugurated by Dhattatreya

Hosabale in the presence of Kreeda Bharati National president and veteran athlete, Arjuna Awardee, Gopal Saini and general secretary, Raj Rajan Choudhary.

The Convention is being attended by contingents from 45 units from across the country, including those heads of the women wing as also a number of Arjuna and Dhronacharya Awardees.

"Since the whole Nation identifies Jammu with Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, so it was decided to present the dignitaries with 'Maa Ki Chunari' and Prasada. The gesture from J&K unit was highly appreciated by the entire gathering at the Convention," said Shiv Kumar Sharma.

Diocese rings in Christmas with carols competition

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JAMMU: The prelude of Christmas festivities reverberated St. Mary's Garrison Church with choral melodies as the Catholic Church organized Carols Competition to provide a platform to ensembles of 17 Schools and Churches ring the bells of Christmas cheer while reminiscing the fond memories of (Late) Fr. Raphael Jeykumar in whose fond memory the enchanting event is arranged each year.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, ushered in the event by high-lighting the significance of Carols in announcing the good news of Jesus's birth. Rt. Rev. Ivan Pereira in his inaugural message described Jesus as the prince of peace whose only intention of taking birth



Winner team receiving trophy from the Chief Guest.

among the humans was to save everyone from wretchedness and sin. He exclaimed that Christmas is a powerful sign of God's unconditional love for us. The Bishop offered a fervent prayer and invoked God's blessings on all the people of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and prayed for peace and joy in the region.

The event was graced by

the valued presence several luminaries and civil society members besides members of the Christian community from nearby churches. Shri Pankaj Kumar Sharma JKAS, the Excise Commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir expressed his happiness for being able to participate in the event and appreciated the efforts of the choirs for the melodious renditions. He wished the

greetings of Christmas to the community and prayed for peace and brotherhood.

Fr. Shaiju Chacko, the spokesperson of the Diocese congratulated all the choirs for their melodious renditions. He expressed happiness that the air was filled with vibrations of joy and positivity and he hoped that this Holy Season of Christmas would bring such positivity in the lives of people. He congratulated all the participating teams for spreading this message through their presentations at the competition.

The triad of acclaimed musicians in Christian devotional music, Fr. George GP, Mr. Francis and Ms. Vandana from Jalandhar adjudicated the spirited competition. All the teams participated with a true

ICAI organises Super Sixes Cricket Tournament

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Branch of the NIRC of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) hosted a Super Sixes Cricket Tournament for Chartered Accountants on Saturday at Isle Ball Ground, Satwari, here.

Eight teams participated in the tournament consisting of Chartered Accountants and CA students.

Sat Sharma, Ex MLA was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

During the first half, team headed by CA Amit Gupta, Team headed by CA Akshay Jandiyal, Team headed by CA Jatin Wahi and Team headed by CA Utsav Sharma advanced into semi-finals.

During the second half, Team headed by CA Jatin Wahi and Team headed by CA Amit Gupta advanced into the finals for the summit clash.

Further in the finals, Team headed by



Winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

CA Jatin Wahi lifted the trophy.

Best Batsman of the tournament was given to CA Shubham Gupta and Best Bowler to CA Ritesh Gupta. CA Sourav Mehta and CA Parveen Dogra contributed as umpires in the matches.

Chairman of the Branch, CA Nakul Saraf thanked the members for their participation and said that these kinds of events serve as stress busters and help in creating a bond between mem-

bers. Secretary of the Branch, CA Vineet Kohli conducted the proceedings of the prize distribution ceremony. Vice Chairman of the Branch CA Vikas Purdhani, along, CA Ayush Sawhney and CA Sourav Pargal distributed the medals to all the participants. A large number of Chartered Accountants, CA Students and their families were also present during the event.

River Rafting event at Gulab Garh Paddar enters day-2

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KISHTWAR: The River Rafting being organised by the District Administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with Indian Army, here on Saturday at Gulab Garh, Paddar witnessed the participation of a huge crowd of locals and government functionaries.

The event was also marked by the massive participation of water sports lovers, adventure tourists from across the district, who enjoyed and thrilled a lot during the second day.

About 200 participants took part in the rafting rally so far with all the safety measures placed in by the organiser.

Senior Officers, including Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav along with CEO JaKeGA Abhishek Sharma; SDM



Participants during rafting at river Chenab.

Paddar, Dr Rishi Sharma; ACD Kishtwar, Atul Dutt Sharma; DPO Kishtwar Sunil Bhutyal, Tehsiladar Paddar Satish Kumar Rana boarded the raft to experience the thrill in the chilly rapids of river Chenab from the Gulab Garh bridge to culmination point near Tatapani link - forming over 3KM stretch.

DDC Counselor, Hari Krishan Chouhan; BDO Paddar Anil Singh; BDO Dachhan, Ravi Kumar besides other district officers, PRIs and locals Youth along with sports lovers from the District Kishtwar and UT J&K also participated in the raft rally with great enthusiasm and zeal. The local participants

extended gratitude to the district administration, especially DC and Indian Army for taking this initiative for youth engagement and appealed to organise such programs on regular intervals.

The locals of Paddar welcomed and appreciated the efforts put in to boost the tourism sector in the areas which can be instrumental in doubling the income of locals.

The DC said that the district administration was committed to tap the water sports and adventure tourism potential in the district.

He also urged youth to engage with such initiatives and earn their livelihood in a dignified manner. He further advised them to stay away from Drug menace and other social evils.

Six Boxers named for 6th Elite Women National Boxing C'ship

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JAMMU: J&K Amateur Boxing Association selected six boxers for participation in the 6th Elite Women National Boxing Championship which is being held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from December 20 to 26, 2022.

Selected boxers including Nadiya Nighat, Ananya Choudhary, Neha Bhagat, Shriya Manzoor; Kajal Devi, Diksha Jasrotia, Team coach Hardesh Singh and Avneet Kour, Manager of the team.

The said team got screened by constituted committee of J&K Sports Council including Nughat Gazala, Sports Officer Central, Satish Gupta, Manager Indoor Stadium, Senior Boxing coach Anil Kumar of J&K Sports Council. The team left for Bhopal today.

District Srinagar Sub Junior Judo C'ship held



Medal winner Judo players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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SRINAGAR: The J&K Judo Association under the auspices of J&K Sports Council organized Srinagar District Sub Senior Judo Championship and inter district championship of Kashmir province at Indoor Sports Hall, Pologround, Srinagar.

The championship was held under the chairmanship of Abdul Hamid Khan, Vice President J&K Judo Association and Gowhar Khan, Joint Secretary J&K Judo

Association. The bouts were officiated by Shafkat Shafi, Senior Judo Coach J&K Sports Council and Rahil Shafi, judo Coach J&K Sports Council.

Results: BOYS Sub Junior: 30 kg: Saifullah Arsheed, 1st, Firdous, 2nd and Eyaad bin Shafkat, 3rd. 35 kg: Hurvaid Riyaz, 1st. 40 kg: Sheikh Mohd Shuraim, 1st. 45 kg: Rashid Yousuf, 1st, Imaad, 2nd and Rounak Khan, 3rd. 50 kg: Zahid, 1st, Mansoor, 2nd and Rashid, 3rd. 55 kg:

Riyan Yousuf, 1st and Obair Shagoo, 2nd.

GIRLS Sub Junior: Below 20 kg: Ajrah Manzoor, 1st, Aiza, 2nd, Aairah Farooq, 3rd and Ayesha Binte Suhail, 4th. 27 kg: Maryam Javaid, 1st, Mutailaba, 2nd, Bareen, 3rd and Irtiqia Aijaz, 4th. 32 kg: Ravneet Kour, 1st and Fatima Mushatq, 2nd. 36 kg: Bauza Tariq, 1st, Madiha, 2nd, Anika Bukhari, 3rd and Hurain Bilal, 4th. 40 kg: Aabroo Jan, 1st, Liyana Tasaduq, 2nd and Isra Arif, 3rd.

11th Police Martyrs Memorial Cricket C'ship from Dec 19

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KATHUA: Jammu and Kashmir Police in association with Shaheed Parivar Welfare Committee is organizing 11th Police Martyrs Memorial T-20 Cricket Championship at Sports Stadium Kathua from December 19.

This was disclosed by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kathua RC Kotwal while interacting with media persons here on Saturday.

He informed that DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh will inaugurate the Championship on December 19 in the presence of ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh and



SSP Kathua RC Kotwal interacting with media persons.

police martyrs families. SSP Kathua RC Kotwal said that 16 teams drawn from Jammu, Srinagar, Kathua, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi are going to participate in the championship. Additional SSP Kathua

Suresh Chib, DSP HQ Shammi Kumar, DySP DR Sukhdev Singh, SWC President Ravinder Slathia, Sanjay Pathak, Rakesh Sumbria, Manmohan Singh and others were present during the press conference.

UP gains 1st innings lead as Aditya wreaks havoc

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BHILAI: Uttar Pradesh gained vital first innings lead against Jammu and Kashmir as Aditya Kumar Singh wreaked havoc, taking 7-wicket haul in U-16 Vijay Merchant Trophy at Sector-01 ground, Bhilai today. Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 51/1, J&K batters failed to show resistance against disciplined bowling and the team bundled

out for 176 runs to concede 99-run lead to UP. Arman Sharma top scored with 65 runs studded with 8 fours, while Irfan Ahmed contributed 39 runs to the total. Skipper Shaurya Manhas scored 23 runs.

Aditya Kumar Singh was the wrecker-in-chief who took 7 wickets by conceding 61 runs in his 34 overs, while Bhavi Sharma claimed 2 wickets.

Uttar Pradesh in their

second essay were 200/5 in 44 overs. Aditya Shishoudiya top scored with 79 runs off 94 balls, studded with 7 fours and 4 sixes, while Yashu Pradhan contributed 71 off 78 balls with the help of 12 boundaries.

For J&K, Dhruv Sharma took 4 wickets by conceding 56 runs in 13 overs, while Bilal Mohi U Din claimed 1 wicket.

Uttar Pradesh are now 299 runs ahead with 5 wickets in hand.

KPPL Edition-III: 777 Masters, Bharat CC seal berths in semis

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JAMMU: Getting the better of their rivals convincingly in the quarterfinals today, 777 Masters and Bharat Cricket Club sealed berth in the semifinals of the ongoing Kashmiri Pandit Premier League (KPPL) Edition-III at KC Sports Club ground, here.

In the first match, 777 Masters defeated Last Picks XI by 27 runs.

Batting first, 777 Masters scored 142 runs in 20 overs. RK top scored with 39 runs and Vicky contributed valuable 36 runs to the total.

For Last Picks XI, Deeraj Kumar Bhat took 4 wickets and Deeraj Bhat

claimed 2 wickets.

In reply, Last Picks XI managed to score 115 runs in 20 overs, losing 9 wickets in the process, thus lost the match by 27 runs.

Former First Class Cricketer, Vimarsh Kaw captured 4 wickets by conceding 14 runs in his 4 overs, which fetched him man of the match award.

In another quarterfinal, Bharat Cricket Club drubbed Tridents Cricket Club by 4 wickets.

Batting first, Tridents scored 132/9 in 20 overs. Sujal Raina (33) and Nikhil Bhan (29) were the main contributors. Akshay Sehgal and Nittu took 3 wickets each for Bharat Cricket Club.

In reply, Bharat Cricket Club chased the target in a close contest in 18.5 overs by losing 6 wickets. Mohil Bhat top scored with 36 runs.

For Tridents Club, Sunder Raina bagged 3 wickets, while Praful Dhar took 2 wickets. Nittu was adjudged man of the match.

JU Athletics team leaves for North-East Zone Tournament



JU Athletics team posing with faculty members.

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education University of Jammu on Saturday flagged off its Athletics (men & women) teams for the participation in the forthcoming North-East Zone Inter-University Athletics (Men & Women) Tournament 2022-23 to be held at KIIT-Deemed University, Bhubaneswar.

Dr. Vikesh Kumar and Manjeet Kotwal will accompany the team as Coach and Manager respectively.

Prominent others present were Dr. Mandeep Singh, Vimal Kishore, Padam Dev Singh, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Vikas Karlopia, Ravish Vaid, Gagan Kumar, Harinder Pal Singh, Sanjeev Sharma.

Dr Jitendra announces 'One Week, One Lab' countrywide campaign from Jan 6

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also the Vice President of CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research), today announced the launching of 'One Week, One Lab' countrywide campaign from January 6, 2023. In this, each of the 37 premier Laboratories/Institutes of CSIR spread across the country will, one after the other in every successive week, showcase their exclusive innovations and technological breakthroughs to the people of India.

Addressing the 200th Governing Body Meeting of CSIR at the Science Centre in New Delhi, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the 'One Week One Lab' theme-based campaign is expected to ignite the minds of young innovators, students, StartUps, academia, and industry to



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing the 200th Governing Body meeting of CSIR at Science Centre, New Delhi on Saturday.

look for opportunities through deep tech ventures.

Dr Jitendra Singh recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is President of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), had chaired the meeting of CSIR Society on 15th October, 2022 and appreciated the efforts of CSIR in the past 80 years.

At the 200th Governing Body Meeting of CSIR today, Dr Jitendra Singh announced a Special Call for Research Grant Proposals for Women Scientists. The call for research grant pro-

posals is for women scientists including those who have taken a career break and are interested in returning to research and reestablishing their career. Keeping in tune with the transformations happening in CSIR, the Minister of Science and Technology also released the new tagline, "CSIR-The Innovation Engine of India".

The implementation of paperless E-office across all labs with effect 01 April 2023 and E-performance appraisal system for admin cadre staff for Reporting Year 2022-2023 was also approved.