

Christmas day celebrated at JKPS Kunjwani with zeal & fervour



Glimpses of Christmas celebration being held at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: J.K. Public School, Kunjwani, conducted Christmas celebration with great zeal and fervour. Students performed carols, group dance and group song to celebrate the love of God and to create memories that last forever. This special performance was put up by the

students of grades V- VIII. The children apprised everyone with a long tradition of Christmas celebrations. The Students shared the background of the existence of Santa Claus. Carols echoed in the campus. The students also communicated the meaning of Christmas to all. The power packed enact-

ment and singing performances stunned all to the core. The elements of energy and momentum could be witnessed in the children as they came forward and presented their performances.

The students, namely, Anrisa, Shayna, Om Keshwar and Amanjyot conducted the assembly and

many students showcased their talent. The whole campus was adorned with Christmas Decorations. The Christmas Tree, Santa Claus and others dressed in red added to the merry spirit of Christmas.

Principal, Rajesh Rathore delivered his enlightening speech.

He asked students to groom themselves to be the shining stars of the future. He appealed them to be Santa Claus for those needy & downtrodden people around, who look towards the Lord Almighty to shower His grace & mercy on them.

Vice Principal, Shashi Rattan applauded the cre-

ative endeavours of students. School Coordinator, Inderjeet Kaur and Shivangani motivated the pupils to give their best. The celebration reached its culmination point with the resounding chorus of the song "Jingle bells, jingle bells", which enthralled the audience.

Bharati Club bags overall trophy in Samba Wushu



Winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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SAMBA: Bharati Club bagged overall trophy in the two-day District Samba Wushu Championship played at Pandhary Ghar, Kartholi, Bari Brahmana, here on Sunday.

The overall second place went to Appu Wushu Club while Wushu Academy of Samba finished third.

President of Wushu Association of J&K, Vijay Saraf was the Chief Guest, who congratulated the district association for hosting the

events on regular basis involving young talent from the rural pockets.

He was all praise for international player and a native of Samba, Rajinder Singh.

International cricketer, Surinder Singh Bagal was the Guest of Honour. He congratulated the Association for organising the event and nurturing the talent.

Abhishek Singh Jamwal, international Wushu player was special guest. Also present were Kamal Kishore, Ishant Singh and Balvinder Singh.

FIH Hockey Men's WC: Bhubaneswar and Rourkela to burst into action in January

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BHUBANESWAR: The Birsra Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, which, alongside the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, will play host to the 2023 FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup.

The fans are ready to cheer up the biggest hockey stars, and witness the highest quality of hockey action that will set their pulse racing.

Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey said: "Hosting the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela is a huge honour for us and we cannot wait to welcome the world's top hockey players to India. All the preparations for the tournament are on track and we are very much excited to organize the biggest hockey tournament.

Tirkey was felicitated with a 1,200-gram silver-crafted hockey stick on the occasion. R Vineel Krishna, IAS,



Commissioner cum Secretary, Department of Sports and Youth Services, Bhubaneswar and Rourkela welcomed the sports enthusiasts to witness the high-octane action between the world's best sides.

Odisha now has a new hockey stadium ready in time for the World Cup in Rourkela, which portrays how the WC and the new facilities will help inspire younger talent and help in the growth of hockey in the country and the state. The WC opens avenues for travel,

tourism, and unique interactions and for a strong offering in sports tourism around this event in Odisha.

Both Bhubaneswar and Rourkela are located in the state of Odisha which has hosted various international hockey events in recent years including the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup in 2021 and the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup in 2018 sponsored by Govt of Odisha itself.

This will be the second consecutive men's world cup being hosted in the State of

11th Police Martyr's Memorial T-20 Sports Club Jalandhar, Krishnam XI Amritsar register wins



Chief guest presenting Man of the Match award.

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KATHUA: Sports Club Jalandhar and Krishnam XI Amritsar registered wins on the ongoing 11th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship 2022 being organized by J&K Police in collaboration with Shaheed Welfare Committee Kathua at Sports Stadium Kathua, on Sunday.

In first match played in morning session, Sports

Club Jalandhar outplayed Run Star Delhi by eight wickets.

Batting first, Run Star Delhi scored was bundled out at 61 runs in 14.1 overs. Pushkar was the main scorer with 11 runs. Sports Club Jalandhar easily chased the target making 62 runs in 8.3 overs for the loss of two wickets. Jatin in his 04 overs spell claimed three crucial wickets by giving only seven runs and also

scored 16 runs in 19 deliveries with two boundaries and was declared as Man of the Match.

In another match, Krishnam XI Amritsar beat KDCA by six wickets.

KDCA, batting first, scored 121 runs for the loss of 10 wickets in 19.2 overs. Mukesh was the top scorer with 37 runs off 24 deliveries studded with seven boundaries and a six while Monty made 31 runs in 34 balls.

Krishnam XI Amritsar comfortably chase the target in 17.3 overs with the loss of four wickets. Top scorer was Arvind who scored unbeaten 51 runs in 37 balls with eight boundaries and one six while Siddharth made 34 runs in 30 balls. Arvind was declared as Man of the Match for his much needed knock.

KPPL Edition-III Bharat CC to lock horns with 777 Masters in title clash today

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JAMMU: Getting the better of Baderkali Cricket Club by three wickets in the semifinals at KC Sports Club on Sunday, Bharat Cricket Club sealed berth in the finals and will lock horns with 777 Masters in the title clash at MA Stadium tomorrow.

Financial Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo has consented to be the Chief Guest on the closing ceremony which will be graced by a galaxy of dignitaries.

Earlier, in the semifinal, batting first, Baderkali Cricket Club scored a modest total of 117 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 8 wickets in the process. Somil Raina (27) and Manoj Bhat (26)

were the main contributors.

Vinod was the wrecker-in-chief, who took 5 wickets by conceding 14 runs in his 4 overs, while Nitru claimed 2 wickets.

In reply, Bharat Cricket Club chased the target in 16.4 overs by losing 7 wickets, thus won the match by 3 wickets. Vishu top scored with 60 runs off 45 balls, studded with 6 fours and 5 sixes.

For Baderkali Cricket Club, Somil Raina took 3 wickets by giving away 20 runs in his 4 overs.

The tournament is being organised by Lalitaditya Education, Sports and Health Organisation, under the patronage of its President Anil Bhat and Vinay Ji and under the overall supervision of Organisers-Ankur Bagati and Ashish Kachroo.

Pradeep Dutta honours players as UT Level Cricket Tournament for blind concludes *Players bat for Govt support

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JAMMU: Senior Editor Times Now, Pradeep Dutta honoured the winners and the runners-up teams/players as the UT Level Cricket Tournament for blind concluded at Guru Harkrishan Public School ground, Nanak Nagar, here on Sunday.

Over fifty differently abled cricketers took part in the tournament and in the finals CAB J&K Team-B defeated Tam-A in a tough contest to lift the title trophy.

International player, Irfan Ahmed Mir and Man of the Series, Surjeet Singh were felicitated by the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The tournament was organised to pick J&K team for the prestigious Nagesh Trophy.

Speaking on the occasion, Dutta lavished praise on the organisers, especially General Secretary Cricket Association for Blind Jammu and Kashmir (CABJ&K) for holding the event in a most befitting manner, adding that these differently abled sportspersons make disability as their ability and serve as inspiration for the general public.

"Raaste Pe Chalna Har Ek Ko Aata Hai. Lekin Raaste Banana Ek Badi Baat Hai. Dekhye Woh Jo Hosla Aap Ke Paas Hai, Woh Jo Himmat Hai, Jo Jazba Hai Kis Ki Wajah Se Aap Kudh Apne Raaste Banaate. Aap Farishte Ho," said Dutta in typical Urdu in appreciation of these differently

abled sportspersons. He said it was the duty of everyone including the Government, the J&K Sports Council, the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association and all other people to pat and promote specially abled athletes, besides providing them assistance for holding events.

He further said that these sportspersons possess all that was required to blossom at the higher levels and the only need was to encourage them.

Meanwhile, the General Secretary of CAB J&K, Ajay Kumar and International player, Irfan Ahmed Mir batted for government support and assistance for developing infrastructure and promoting blind cricketers.

They also appealed to the authorities in J&K Sports Council and Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association to treat them like other sportspersons.

"Receiving squint-eyed treatment from the authorities hurts us. We should get equal rights. There should be provision of jobs for specially abled sportspersons also. It will serve as a motivator for us to continue playing and excelling.

He humbly appeal to LG Manoj Sinha Sir to take initiative in this regard," added Ajay Kumar.

He extended thanks to Principal Guru Harkrishan Public school for providing ground facility and refreshment to the players.



Differently abled cricketers posing alongwith Chief Guest Pradeep Dutta, Senior Editor Times Now in Jammu on Sunday.

Boxing trials on Dec 28

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JAMMU: Amateur Boxing Association of J&K shall hold selection trials to name boxers for participation in the upcoming 6th Elite Men Boxing Championship to be at Hissar in Haryana from December 31 to January 6.

As per a handout issued by the Association, the trials shall take place at MA Stadium Boxing Ring on December 28.

Boxers born between 1983 and 2003 are only eligible to take part in the selection process. Further, those eligible boxers have been advised to submit the registration cum entry form on or before December 27 to the general secretary of the Association, Rajan Sharma.

Boxers taking part in the trials need to bring along necessary documents, including birth certificate, domicile certificate, annual medical certificate and two latest photographs.

Amit's brilliant 89 runs guides Media CC to victory over CCC

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JAMMU: Media Cricket Club Jammu registered a comprehensive victory over Combined Cricket Club in a friendly match played at Forest Ground Sidhra, here on Sunday.

Rahul Khatri, captain of Media Cricket Club, won the toss and elected to bat first. MCC got early blow as Rohit was out in 2nd over but seasoned player Amit Kumar anchored the innings and Ashish gave him support from other end and they shared 67 runs partnership in 10 overs before Ashish was out. MCC scored 148 runs in stipulated 20 overs with Amit scored 89 runs in 71 balls studded with 13 fours and two massive sixes while Pawan and Raghav



Media Cricket Club posing for a photograph.

contributed 11 runs each. For Combined Cricket Club, Captain Manu, Niku, Deva and Akash took one wicket each.

Chasing 149 runs to win, CCC got early jolts as two batsmen were out but Gora and Vasu steadied the innings before Gora was out on 25. Good bowling from Media Cricket Club Jammu mounted the pressure and CCC managed

only 131 runs and lost the match by 17 runs. Vasu scored 54 runs for the team.

For Media Cricket Club Jammu Gurdeep grabbed two wickets whereas Rahul, Shubham & Rohit took one wicket each.

Amit Kumar of Media Cricket Club Jammu was declared Man of the Match for his match winning innings.

Udhampur Handball team leaves for J&K UT championship



Udhampur Handball men and women teams posing with dignitaries.

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UDHAMPUR: Udhampur Handball men and women teams today left for the participation in the 8th J&K UT level Handball

Championship, being held at Jammu from December 26 to 28, 2022. The Team is being accompanied by the Ravi Singh Jaswal as coach/manager.

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POONCH: District Poonch Chess Championship, organised by Poonch Chess Association, concluded at High School Mangnar. The event held under the aegis of All J&K Chess Association and sponsored by J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

Incharge Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO)



Chief Guest presenting certificate to a winner.

Kanuyian, Jatinder Singh along with Guest of Honour, Satish Kumar and Special

Guests, Balvinder Singh and Suresh Kumar felicitated the winners.

Also present were Sunny Tandon, Ruchika Rasyal, Jaspreet Kour and Sonia Dutta.

In total, 36 participants were there who contested for the top honours under the guidance of Organising Secretary, Sumeet Sharma

and event Convenor, Vikas Sharma.

The Results: BOYS: Under-19: Lakshya Veer Sasan, Ist and Dhruv Sharma, 2nd. Under-17: Daksh Sudan, Ist; Suryansh Raina, 2nd.

GIRLS: Under-19: Rahini Dutta, Ist and Asha Bano, 2nd. Under-17: Pavani Dutta, Ist and Rukhsar, 2nd.