

# Indian Navy Day celebrated at JKPS Panjtirthi with fervour



Glimpses of Indian Navy Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: Indian Navy Day is celebrated to honour the efforts & role of the Indian Navy in Operation Trident conducted during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971.

Indian Navy Day was celebrated at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi with much fervour.

The programme commenced with a speech on significance of the day highlighting the might of Indian Navy and its vital roles in maintaining maritime security to the nation.

Jakiians sang a patriotic song on Indian Navy followed by a skit in which the valour and the

war tactics of Indian Navy was portrayed. Jakiians explained to the audience that the Indian Navy is a three-dimensional force that

operates above, on, and under the ocean's surface to safeguard our country's interests. Its main agenda is to improve its state of affairs in the Indian

Ocean Zone. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah, saluted the indomitable spirit, dedication, selfless service

and supreme sacrifice of Indian Navy personnel. She further wished, "May our Naval forces continue to sail with pride and protect our shores."

## Cooch Behar Trophy Bisht slams ton as Delhi gains lead over J&K

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JAMMU: Middle-order batter Tarun Bisht slammed a magnificent century as Delhi gained a vital first innings lead over Jammu and Kashmir in the ongoing Under-19 Men's Cooch Behar Trophy at Jamia Milia Islamia, on Sunday.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 167 for three, Delhi scored a massive total of 503 eight in 132.3 overs, thus gaining a vital lead of 130 runs at stumps on day-three today.

Tarun Bisht, who was unbeaten on 45 off 83 balls overnight, scored magnificent 163 runs off 295 balls studded with 13 boundaries. Rounak Waghela also slammed century, scoring 112 not out of 190 balls with 12 boundaries. Skipper Sourabh Deswal scored 64 off 87 balls studded with seven boundaries, while Aditya Bhandari and Pranav Pant contributed 55 and 32 runs to the total respectively.

For J&K, Ritvik Jaitley and Bismaadhi Singh took three wickets each, while Mousub Mohammad Bhat claimed one wicket. J&K earlier has scored a good total of 373 runs in their first innings. Skipper Achintya Raj Khajuria had scored 84 runs off 145 balls studded with nine boundaries, while Dhruv Sharma (52), Kamaksh Sharma (68)

Hatim Reyaz (75) were the other batters who had scored splendid fifties. For Delhi, Rounak Waghela had taken four wickets, Saksham Gehlot bagged three wickets, Dhruv Kr Chumbak took two wickets and Pranav Pant claimed one wicket.

Upper Mela beat Volleyball Club Bhaiya by 3-0 (25-20, 25-23, 25-17). In the closing ceremony, Sudesh Kumar (Pappu), Sarpanch of Kattal Brahmana

was the Chief Guest who distributed prizes among the winner and runner-up teams. The winner teams (Boys & Girls) were given trophies and cash prize of Rs. 2100 each whereas runner-up teams were given trophies and Rs. 1100 each.

Balwan Singh of Chhan Kanly gave Rs.11000 and Ajay Kumar of Lower Mela gave Rs. 5100 as reward to players. A large number of volleyball-lovers thronged the grounds to enjoy the matches. Other dignitaries present were Dheeraj Singh Katoh SDPO Border, Tilak Raj

## IGP Jammu flags off Special Olympics athletes for North Zone competition



IGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain posing with other officers and special olympics athletes at flagging off ceremony.

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JAMMU: Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, on Sunday flagged off special Olympics Athletes for participating in North Zone Sports Event of Special Olympics Bharat at Chandigarh with effect from December 11 to 13, 2023. The competition is

Organised by special Olympics Bharat Himachal Pradesh Chapter and special Olympics Chandigarh Chapter. In an impressive function at DPL Jammu this afternoon, Chief Guest, IGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain flagged off the contingent of special athletes with warm

wishes to bring laurels to the Union Territory of J&K. While interacting with the Special Olympics Athletes, the IGP encouraged them and advised them to participate in the events with enthusiasm and full vigour. He wished them a very happy and safe journey. The Specially abled ath-

letes are representing JK UT in three days at Chandigarh and they will participate in sports, dance, music, medication and health check-up. DIG Jammu JKS Range Shakti Pathak, SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar, and other dignitaries also blessed the special athletes.

## Sheetal among 3 gets Jija Bai Puraskar



Para Archer, Sheetal Devi and other sportspersons posing with Kreedha Bharati J&K members at a programme.

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JAMMU: World No. 1 Para Archer, Sheetal Devi among three top J&K athletes presented the Jija Bai Puraskar (Award) by Kreedha Bharati Jammu and Kashmir in a well attended function at Gulshan Ground, here on Sunday.

Mothers of other two athletes, who were felicitated with the prestigious award were Abrar Choudhary, the first gold winner at the National level in Athletics and present J&K captain and former India under-19 cricketer, Shubham Khajuria.

Proud mothers felicitated for their sacrifices in raising the champions were Shakti Devi (Sheetal), Naseem Bibi (Abrar) and Varsha Khajuria (Shubham). The function was part of the Mahotsav 2023 Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh wherein 25 other sportspersons, coaches and sports administrators were felicitated for their achievements and contributions.

The Awards presented jointly by Director Ladakh Jammu Kashmir Economic Growth and Development Dialogue, Sunil Shah; member administrator J&K Cricket Association, Brig Anil Gupta, senior advocate, Sunil Sethi and Gagan Kumar (secretary organisation).

Speaking to the gathering, Sunil Sethi and veteran administrator, Dr Ashutosh Sharma appreciated the initiative of the Kreedha Bharati to encourage and and felicitate the parents, especially mothers. Earlier, soon after a brief about Kreedha Bharati by secretary, R C Vaid, the president of the organisation, Shiv Kumar Sharma presented a detailed report of the prevailing sports scenario in the Union Territory of J&K.

Those who were felicitated included Dr Ashutosh Sharma (sports administrator), Kuldeep Handoo (Dronacharya Awardee), Colonel Ranbir Singh (Mountaineering), Ram Khajuria (president Tawi Trekkers), Dr Brij Bitoria (Football Coach), Akshay Khajuria (international Handball player), Abhishek Singh Jamwal (international Wushu player), Anisha Sharma (Shooting), Danish Sharma (international Judo player), Vikas Gupta (administrator Judo), Shivansh Sharma (Body Builder), Vipul Saini (Badminton), Natar Singh (Wrestling), Vansh Mahajan (Fencing), Kartikeya Puri (Skating), Muskan Raina (Rhythmic Gymnastics), Aryaveer Singh (Yoga), Rakesh Kumar Sharma (Kabaddi), Chander Dev Singh (Boxing), Mohd Arif (Boxing), Nitin Sharma (Archery), Ritik (Athletics), Rajan Sharma (Administrator Boxing), Ravinder Singh (Administrator Athletics), Sharat Chander Singh (Administrator Shooting), Riya Bakshi (Fencing) and Simranpal Choudhary (Kabaddi).

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General Secretary, Badminton Association of J&K (BAJK), Anil Gaiind, Surinder Sharma, Pawanjit Singh Vice Presidents, JCDBA, Col. D. V. Sharma, Vice Chairman BAJK and Hony. General Secretary JCDBA and Secretary Akhil Mahajan Badminton Club. The matchers were officiated under the supervision of Divum Gupta, Badminton Coach assisted by Neeraj Gupta, Jaideep and Sukhdev Singh.

## Lower Mela Club wins Kathua District Volleyball Championship trophy



Chief Guest presenting trophy to a winner team at Kathua.

straight 3-0 sets. Earlier, in semi-finals matches in boys section, Lower Mela Volleyball Club beat Chakra Volleyball Club by 3-1 (25-14, 21-25, 25-16, 25-15) and

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## Distt level Cycling C'ship concludes

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UDHAMPUR: Two days District level Cycling Championship organized Jammu and Kashmir Cycling Association concluded here on Sunday. Championship was conducted under the supervision of District President Jammu and Kashmir Cycling Association Udhampur Rajesh Sharma.



Participating cyclists posing with officials after receiving certificates at Udhampur.

A large number of local cyclists participated enthusiastically in the Championship. In closing ceremony, President J&K Cycling Association Ravinder Singh was the Chief Guest while Chairman, SS Gill presided over the function. Cyclist Vanshu clinched first position, while Vinkal got second and Satvik

clinched third positions in under-14 MTB category whereas Shraman Sharma, Manik Magotra and Shriyansh Dev Singh clinched first, second and third positions respectively in under-17 category. In Road Racing category, Sunil Kumar, Aush and Narayan clinched first,

second and third positions respectively. The chief guest congratulated winners for their best performance. He also distributed certificates of merit among the winners. Prominent persons present were Akshat Bakshi, Ashok Kumar, Ajay Kumar and Sahil Dogra.

## Sham Lal inaugurates Second Darshan Mahajan Memorial J&K UT Ranking Badminton Tournament



Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma posing with other dignitaries and participating players.

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JAMMU: Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma on Sunday inaugurated the Second Darshan Mahajan Memorial J&K UT Ranking Badminton Tournament-2023, organised by Akhil Mahajan Badminton Club under the aegis of Jammu City & District Badminton Association (JCDBA), here.

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Badminton Club distributed the souvenir among all the participants. Sham Lal Sharma appreciated and thanked the President of the club for organising this mega tournament for the youngsters of the UT of J&K. Among the others present were Rajeev Sharma, member J&K Sports Council, Arvind Gupta, Dr. O.D Sharma, Vice President Badminton Association of India and Chairman, Badminton Association of J&K, Balbir Singh Jamwal