

Dy Commissioner declares open Udhampur Volleyball meet at Ramnagar



DC Udhampur, Saloni Rai posing for photograph with participating team and officials.

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RAMNAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Udhampur, Saloni Rai on Saturday declared open the District Udhampur Volleyball Championship at Indoor complex, Ramnagar. Along with another IAS officer and SDM Ramnagar,

Shishir Gupta, the chief guest interacted with the participating teams in both boys and girls section.

After witnessing the opening matches, the DC appreciated the efforts of those working behind the scene in shaping the talent of rural youth in sports. She also

lauded the efforts of young girls taking part in the cultural programme presented in the opening function.

Earlier, President of the District Association, Ashok Padha welcomed the chief guest and the distinguished gathering while secretary, Amit Chander Singh pre-

sented vote of thanks.

In total, 11 teams in boys and five in girls section are taking part in this league-cum-knockout event being organised by the District Udhampur Volleyball Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council and supported by Gupta

Cement Store Ramnagar and senior citizens club Ramnagar.

Prominent among those present were Sagar Dev, Shiv Dev (PO Judiciary), Yuvraj Singh, Rishi, Mannu, Meenakshi, Pawandev Singh and Younis.

The technical panel for today's matches comprised Manik Nargotra, Kuldeep Sharma, Suresh Paul, Surinder Gupta, Rakesh Singh, Rakesh Rahi and Vinod Sharma.

The Results:

BOYS: Tikri Club bt Chivyai Club 2-0 (25-21, 25-18); Barta Club bt Dehari Club 2-0 (25-23, 25-22); Thail Club bt Barta Club 2-1 (25-19, 20-25, 15-13). GIRLS: GHS Ramnagar bt Bharta Club 2-0 (25-23, 25-22); GDC Ramnagar bt GHS Ramnagar 2-0 (28-26, 25-21).

Sofi Club Dhadkai lifts volleyball trophy



Winner team posing with Chief Guest and other dignitaries after receiving trophy.

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DODA: Sofi Volleyball Club Dhadkai clinched the title of Doda District Volleyball Championship organised by Volleyball Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council at Bhadarwah, which concluded on Saturday.

In the final match played today, Sofi Volleyball Club Dhadkai defeated Young Star Volleyball Club Bhatyas by 3-2 (26-24, 30-28, 24-26, 21-25, 15-07) in a well contested match.

In the closing ceremony, Dr Waseem Handani, SDPO was the Chief Guest and

Amit Kotchoo SHO was the Guest of Honour, who distributed prizes to the winner and runner-up teams. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest underlined the importance of sports among youth. He also called upon the youth to make the nation strong by eradicating all social evils with special emphasis on drug trafficking. Kuldip Magotra, CEO and Mohd Tariq, Joint Secretary of Volleyball Association of J&K were also present.

The matches were officiated by referees Murtaza Qadir, Muddasar Maqbool Butt, Abdul Haq, Salama Ruby, Rajni Kotwal, Sanjay Kumar and Aftab Alam.

J&K Veterans Warriors beat J&K Superstars by 6 wkts

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JAMMU: J&K Veterans Warriors defeated J&K Veterans Superstars by six wickets in an first T20 Cricket match played at Jammu Sports Cricket Stadium Bantalab, here on Saturday.

Earlier batting first, J&K Veterans Superstars managed to score 111 runs for the loss of seven wickets in the stipulated 20 overs. Rajesh Gill with 37 runs, Hilal 18 runs, vishal 16 runs and Pardeep Bali 14 runs were the main scorers. For bowling side, Koushal grabbed four wickets while Vicky and Raman took one wicket each.

In reply J&K Veterans Warriors chased the target in 19 overs by losing four wickets thus won the match by six wickets. Sonu Malotra



Winner team posing with officials at Jammu.

made 37 runs, while Vicky Riana and Lakhwinder contributed 24 and 14 runs respectively for their team. Sonu was declared Man of the Match.

Earlier in his opening address, Rajesh Gill, Executive Member of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association, informed the participating players that in

the month of December 2023, 10 matches T20 Cricket Series is being organized for the Senior Cricketers of Jammu and Kashmir with the sole objective to provide regular platform for the senior cricketers.

he also informed that in the month of January, 2nd Masters Inter-State Cricket Championship will be organized at Jammu.

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JAMMU: MBS Hockey Club Simbal shall meet Dashmesh Hockey Club Nanak Nagar in the final of 7th Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial Hockey Tournament, organised by Kashmir Sikh Sangat under the aegis of Hockey Jammu and Kashmir at KK Hakku Hockey Stadium, here tomorrow at 2:00 PM.

Earlier in the first semifinal match played on Saturday, Dashmesh Hockey Club Nanak Nagar trounced Air Force Station Jammu by four goals to three. Rajveer Singh from Deshmesh Hockey Club was declared Man of the Match, whi was awarded by the Chief Guest, Charanjit Singh Khalsa (Ex-MLC) and Guest of



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at KK Hakku Stadium, Jammu on Saturday.

Honour, Tejwant Singh Reen.

In another semifinal, MBS Hockey Club Simble beat Srinagar XI by five goals to one. Ramandeep Singh of MBS Hockey Club Simble was awarded as Man of the Match, the second match was witnessed by Sant Tejwant Singh as the Chief Guest

and Dr. Dhanwant Singh (USA) as the Guest of Honour.

Others present on the occasion were Karamjit Singh President KSS, Tejpal Singh Mehta (Vice President KSS), Suraj Singh (General Secretary KSS), K.N Singh (Treasurer KSS), Popinder Singh, Balbir Singh, Inderjit

Singh, Surjit Singh Bali, Paramjit Singh and Ajinder Pal Singh.

Officials of Hockey J&K G.S Bakshi, Rajinder Singh (Former President Hockey India), Rajinder Koul (Senior Vice President Hockey J&K), Daljit Singh (Executive member Hockey J&K), Ishan Sharma

(Treasurer Hockey J&K) and Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi (General Secretary Hockey J&K) were also present.

Technical panel comprised of Joginder Singh, Jagjit Singh, Harmanan Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Nazarat Hussain, Sahil Kumar, Ravneet Singh and R.P Sarna.

J&K Bank Academy in final of U-19 Football

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JAMMU: The J&K Bank Academy Jammu on Saturday qualified for the final of the Jammu Gold Cup Under-19 Football Championship being organised by the Young Hero's Football Club in collaboration with J&K Sports Council at Mini Stadium, Parade, here.

Sailing on the brilliant performance from Hirdesh Sharma, Bank Academy made it a big 6-0 win against Udhampur City Football Club in the first semifinal played today.

Hirdesh struck in the seventh, 10th and 37th minute



Team in jubilant mood after winning the match.

of the match to help the side take four goals lead in the first half of the play. He was later declared man of the match.

Aditya opened the account for Bank Academy converting a penalty into goal in the very third minute of the play. Other two goals came

through Paras, who netted the ball in the 23rd and 69th minute of the match.

Meanwhile, Dream Football Club Poonch upset Param Football Club beating latter 2-4 in the quarter-finals. Talented Sukhmanveer Singh scored his second hat trick, with first being against Hero Club, striking in the 27th, 31st and 49th minute of the match. The first goal came in the fifth minute through Saiful Ahmed via penalty.

Earlier, organisers felicitated veteran footballer and office bearer of J&K, Shiv Pal Sharma for his contributions towards the game.

Shiv was chief guest in today's matches.

Today's matches officiated by the technical panel including Rickey, Satnam, Arjun, Dilbahadur, Dheeraj Meenia, Rocky and Bilal Ahmed.

Now, in the second semifinal, scheduled for tomorrow, Dream FC Poonch shall take on Pegasus FC at 1 pm. And, to promote the football among women, a match shall be played between trainees of Khelo India Centre Hiranagar and Reasi at 3 pm. Both these matches shall be played at GGM Science College ground, here.

Hands on skill Training Camp held at KV No 2

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JAMMU: Hands on skills training camp was organised by PM Shri KV number 2 ,Jammu cantt on November 29 and 30, 2023.

Abhishek Padha, instructor Basohli painting from Polytechnic College Jammu was the resource person.

The camp was conducted under the supervision of Amrit Kaur, Art teacher, PM Shri KV Number 2, Jammu Cantt.

During the camp children were taught to create beautiful things using scrape. They created bird nests and wind chimes using waste bottles.

They also created artificial flowers for trees that could be used for beautification of Vidyalaya.

Principal, Sunil Kumar Yadav appreciated the efforts and said that these kind of activities are a better way of learning rather than the rote learning.



Students at training camp.

Cooch Behar Trophy

HP 173/3 against J&K's 235 in first innings

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JAMMU: Himachal Pradesh were 173 for the loss of three wickets after Jammu and Kashmir scored 235 runs in the first innings of the ongoing Cooch Behar Trophy match at Luhnu Cricket Ground Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 218/5, J&K added just 17 runs to their overnight score and collapsed

at 235 runs in 87.4 overs.

Dhruv Sharma, who was unbeaten on 68 runs overnight fell on the same score. He faced 137 balls and hit 9 boundaries, while Bilal Ahmed Bhat contributed 59 runs off 110 balls with 3 fours and 3 sixes. Hatim Reyaz (40) was another major contributor. Sachin B Sharma was at the pick of the bowlers for Himachal Pradesh who captured 6 wickets by conceding

45 runs in 22.4 overs, while Sahil Sharma bagged 2 wickets and Daksh S Narayan claimed one wicket.

In reply, Himachal Pradesh were 173/3 at stumps on day-2 today. Satvik Katech was unbeaten on 65 runs off 109 balls, studded with 6 boundaries, wicketkeeper batter Ujjawal Sharma was at the crease on 25 runs off 55 balls with four boundaries. Arjun Wadhwa and Ritvik Verma contributed 32 and 25 runs to the total respectively. For J&K, Nashant Kumar and Mousub Mohd Bhat claimed one wicket each.

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JAMMU: The 46th Stag J&K UT as well as Inter-district Table Tennis Championship 2023 got underway at the Indoor Sports Complex, MA Stadium, here on Saturday.

The tournament was declared open by Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Chief Accounts Officer J&K Sports Council in the presence of galaxy of sports lovers. Baljinder Pal Singh, Divisional Sports Officer and Sanjay Wahi were the Guests of Honour.

The tournament has been organised by J&K Table Tennis Association under



Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Chief Accounts Officer JKSC starting TT Championship.

the aegis of TTFI and in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the initiative of 'My Youth My Pride'.

More than 300 players are

participating in various age categories both in men and women section from different districts of the UT.

The Chief Guest in his

speech congratulated the organisers and encouraged the peddlers with best wishes and hailed the spirit of young kids who took up sports and started their journey of life in a right way.

The tournament started with the under-11 boys and girls.

Today's results:

Hopes Girls (Under 11) Round 1: Syrah beat Aisha 2-0; Ridhimee beat Sunakshi 2-0; Alena beat Sanvi 2-0; Bhavin beat Asley 2-1. Hopes Boys (Under 11)

Round 1: Samar beat Zain 2-0; Saiyam beat Sayeed 2-0; Advik beat Yuvraj 2-1.

Cadet Girls (Under 13) Round 1: Myrah beat Sanvi by 2-0; Syrah beat Xernain by 2-0; Alena beat Sanvi Kundal 2-0l Gunjan beat Anvi 2-0.

Prominent persons present were Satish Gupta, Sanjay Wahi President J&K TT Association, Ajay Sharma, Satvir Singh, Vasu Dewan, Narinder Singh and Sheetal Gandotra.

Matches were officiated by Meenu Rajesh, Asad Sharma and Ankit Sharma.

46th Stag TT C'ship gets underway

Competitive tournaments key to taking football in J-K to next level: Coaches

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SRINAGAR: Former footballer Ishfaq Ahmed has said competitive tournaments were key to honing skills of players for taking the game to the next level in Kashmir Valley. Reliance Foundation Youth Sports (RFYS) conducted one of the country's premier grassroots football competitions here in the under-21 category. It is set to conduct tournaments in U-15 boys and U-19 girls categories as well. These tournaments will give the much-needed match experience to young players in Kashmir and they will now be able to judge themselves, Ahmed, who is currently the head coach of Real Kashmir FC, said. "It is a fantastic news for the youth teams. They have been training day in, day out, but the lack of competition was a big issue here. Now, RFYS has taken this fantastic initiative and it is a positive sign for Kashmiri football," he said. "This will help our younger generation to develop both mentally and physically..." he said, adding it would help in taking the game to the next level in Kashmir Valley. Ahmed has earlier coached Kerala Blasters FC and the Indian Football Under-16 men's team. Former head coach of Indian senior women's national team Sajid Yousuf Dar said such initiatives were lacking in Jammu and Kashmir earlier: "I thank Reliance Foundation Youth Sports for coming forward and collaborating in the education sector with the University of Kashmir. This is what we need and we need to put efforts together to take football in Jammu and Kashmir to the next level," Dar, who coaches the football team of the University of Kashmir, said.

Shiksha Niketan School organises Inter-School G.K Quiz Competition



Winner students posing for a photograph with staff members.

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar on Saturday organised an Inter-School G.K Quiz Competition for the students of Class 2nd.

Each Team comprised of

three participants from Jammu Sanskriti School, RMPS, Shiksha Niketan High School, Gandhi

Nagar and the host school participated in the quiz.

SNS Jeevan Nagar got first position while Jammu Sanskriti School

got second and third position was bagged by the RMPS.

Principal of the School, Rameshwar Mengi encouraged students to gain General Knowledge, apart from their knowledge of particular subject.

Deepak Jyoti wins silver medal in National Power lifting Championship

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JAMMU: Deepak Jyoti Senior Sports Assistant of BSNL J&K Circle has won silver medal 66 Kg category in the National (Men & Women) Classic & Equipped Power lifting Championship held at Bangalore from November 22 to 26, 2023.

On winning the medal, he was felicitated by Saurabh Tyagi, Chief General Manager, BSNL, J&K Circle for his success and bringing laurels to BSNL. Md Shahkar Bari GM/Vice President J&K Circle Sports & Cultural Board (CSCB), S.K Sudan DGM (Admn)



Saurabh Tyagi, Chief General Manager, BSNL, J&K Circle and other officers felicitating winner Deepak Jyoti.

Secretary CSCB and J.K Nagar JTO (Admn), Joint

Secretary CSCB were also present on the occasion.