

Satish, Nasir flag off J&K Senior Football team for Santosh Trophy

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JAMMU: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma and Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, on Wednesday flagged off Jammu and Kashmir senior Men's Football team for participation in the final round of prestigious Santosh Trophy.

The event, held at Mini Stadium, Parade Jammu, was also attended by Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, Director General, Youth Services and Sports, Tara Singh and Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, along with other senior officials.

The final round of the



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma and Advisor, Nasir Aslam Wani at flagging off ceremony.

Santosh Trophy is scheduled to be held in Telangana, where the J&K team will compete against top teams from across the country. To mark the occasion, a friendly match between the J&K Police Team and the J&K Santosh Trophy Team was

played in front of the dignitaries.

As part of the ceremony, the Sports Minister and Advisor to CM distributed sports kits among the athletes from various Khelo India centres in J&K.

Satish Sharma congratulat-

ed the team for their exceptional performance in the preliminary round held in Punjab, which secured their qualification for the finals. He praised the J&K Sports Council for organizing a high-quality coaching camp and providing the necessary technical and infrastructural support to the players.

Nasir Aslam Sogami lauded the athletes for their dedication and wished them success in the upcoming matches. Highlighting the global appeal of football, he expressed pride in the achievements of players and assured full government support in transforming the J&K into a hub for sports excellence.

The coaching camp for the final round was held at Mini Stadium, Parade Jammu, under the guidance of formal international footballer and renowned coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo, along with chief football coach, Satpal Singh Kala. The J&K Sports Council ensured that players received residential facilities, infrastructure and other necessary resources under the directions of the Secretary, J&K Sports Council.

The players, fueled by determination, expressed optimism about their performance and aimed to achieve better results as they have prepared to compete against the nation's best football teams.

Doda defeats Akhnoor by 4-wkt in Brig Usman Cricket Tournament



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NOWSHERA: Indian Army Brigadier Usman SPPR Cricket Tournament has been organized at the Sports Ground of Nowshera.

A match was played between Akhnoor and Doda on Wednesday, the third day of the tournament, in which all the players performed well. The thrill and excitement was seen till the last over in the match between Akhnoor and Doda.

In the end, Doda defeated Akhnoor by four wickets in which the Man of the Match award was given to Nitin Kumar of Doda for his excel-

lent all-round performance. Also, the best fielder award was given to Ali Bilal of Doda for his excellent catching and fielding skills. The most sixes award was given to Nitin Kumar for his explosive batting and record-breaking sixes. To make this tournament unforgettable, all the winners and participants were honoured with gifts. On the fourth day of the cricket tournament, the first match will be played between Rajouri and Doda on Thursday morning and the second match will be played between Udhampur and Reasi in the afternoon.

3-day Handball Championship concludes



MLA Udhampur West, Pawan Kumar Gupta presenting trophy to winner team.

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UDHAMPUR: The three-day District Handball Championship for men and women, organised by District Handball Association Udhampur, concluded at the Mini Stadium Udhampur on Wednesday.

On the final day, MLA Udhampur West, Pawan Kumar Gupta, graced the event as the chief guest, while Narinder Singh,

Excise and Taxation Officer for the Udhampur-Reasi Range, served as the guest of honour.

In his address, the chief guest commended the organisers for the successful execution of the championship. He emphasised that hosting such tournaments is a significant step towards providing a platform for the budding talent in the district and fostering a sports

culture that contributes to a healthy society. He encouraged participants to engage in sports for their physical and mental well-being. The chief guest also praised the efforts of the District Handball Association and the J&K Handball Association in promoting sports throughout the J&K Union Territory.

Following the speeches, the chief guest distributed prizes to the participants.

Among those present were Vikram Sathia, President District Handball Association Udhampur; Dr. Jogeshwar Gupta, District Youth Services and Sports Officer; former President Municipal Council Udhampur; Raj Guru, Sr. Vice President J&K Volleyball Association; Jatinder Vermani, President Beopar Mandal Udhampur; along with numerous sports enthusiasts who witnessed the final match.

Big Cricket League: Swachhta Strikers, Mulan CC enter semifinals

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JAMMU: The eighth day of the Big Cricket League was a spectacle of cricketing brilliance as teams fought hard to secure their spots in the semi-finals.

Two matches, featuring Tawi Challengers and Swachhta Strikers and Hillview Rajouri and Mulan CC, provided fans with unforgettable moments.

The first match of the day saw Swachhta Strikers taking on Tawi Challengers in a high-scoring encounter. Swachhta Strikers displayed exceptional batting prowess, amassing a mammoth total of 216 runs in their allotted 20 overs. Kapil was a stand-out performer, scoring a well-crafted 49 runs off 37 balls and also contributing with the ball by taking a crucial wicket. Naseer added to the fireworks with a quick 46 off 25 balls, further strengthening the team's innings.

Tawi Challengers, despite



Winner team posing for a photograph with officials.

their spirited chase, fell short of the target by 36 runs. The disciplined bowling attack and collective effort of Swachhta Strikers ensured their victory. For his all-round performance, Kapil was adjudged the Man of the Match.

The match was graced by the presence of Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Special Secretary to the Chief Secretary, as the Chief

Guest.

Speaking at the event, he praised the enthusiasm and talent displayed by the players.

"The Big Cricket League is a fantastic platform for showcasing young talent and promoting sportsmanship. The energy and commitment shown by these players reflect the bright future of cricket in our region," he said.

The second match was a nail-biting contest between Hillview Rajouri and Mulan CC. Batting first, Hillview Rajouri posted a respectable total of 149 for 8 in their 20 overs. However, Mulan CC's chase turned out to be a thrilling spectacle, as they clinched victory in 19.4 overs.

Rahul was the star of the match, delivering an

unbeaten 71 runs under pressure, while Rohan's brisk 42 runs provided the much-needed momentum for Mulan CC's successful chase.

Their partnership and determination ensured a hard-fought win for their team.

The Chief Guest for the match was Fiesel Qureshi, SSP Traffic Jammu, who commended the players for their outstanding performances. "The passion and skills exhibited by these players are commendable. Such tournaments play a crucial role in nurturing talent and building team spirit," he remarked.

Organized by 92.7 BIG FM in collaboration with the Department of Rural Sanitation, J&K, the tournament blends cricketing excellence with the noble message of cleanliness under the theme "Let's Swing for Swachhta."

Jammu Boxing Championship concludes



Winners of District Jammu Boxing Championship posing with chief guest at MA Stadium in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Jammu District Boxing Championship concluded here on Wednesday at Indoor Sports Complex, MA Stadium under the aegis of J&K Amateur Boxing Association and J&K Olympic Association.

Sponsored by the J&K Sports Council, the event witnessed participation from schools and colleges

of the district. Later, chief guest, senior advocate and veteran boxer, Baldev Singh was the Chief Guest, who presented medals and certificates to the winner boxers.

Suraj Bhan, Manager Indoor Sports complex MA Stadium, was the Guest of Honour. Among other prominent present were Dr. Nirmolak Singh, president JKABA and Ranjod

Singh, advocate.

The competition officiated by Anil Wadhwa, Anju Bala, Sandeep Singh, Vinod Bhardwaj, Sajad Pathan, Khalida Bano and Akash Baigra.

The detailed (BOYS) Results:

SUB-JUNIOR: 40-43 kg: Kameshwar, Gold; Shivam Singh, Silver. 46-49 kg: Rohit Sharma, Gold; Dhruv Singh, Silver;

Hardik Choudhary and Piyush, Bronze.

JUNIOR: 44-46 kg: Manjeet Singh, Gold and Pradyum Bhushan, Silver. 46-48 kg: Vishesh Singh, Gold and Mukul Satti, Silver. 54-58 kg: Rishi Aditya, Gold and Harsh Dev Singh, Silver. 57-60 kg: Ayush Jagotra, Gold and Rahul Singh, Silver. 60-63 kg: Kulbir Singh, Gold; Sparsh Verma,

Silver and Smyle Sandhu, Bronze. 70-75 kg: Nikul Mattoo, Gold and Abay Singh, Silver.

YOUTH: 45-50 kg: Basudev, Gold; Kush Singh, Silver and Manjeet Singh, Bronze. 50-55 kg: Narayan Majotra, Gold; Aman Choudhary, Silver and Manjeet Singh, Bronze. 55-55 kg: Krishna Mehta, Gold and Madan Sharma, Silver. 60-65 kg: Rajneesh Kumar, Gold and Sachin, Silver.

ELITE (Senior): 46-51 kg: Aarif Mohd, Gold; Ankit Saini, Silver. 54-57 kg: Prajwal Jamwal, Gold and Piyush Dabgotra, Silver. 63.5-67 kg: Rahul, Gold; Shiv Kumar, Silver; Pratham Balgotra and Akshyum Bhushan, Bronze. 71-75 kg: Deepak Kumar, Gold; Gourav, Silver and Arjun Khajura, Bronze. 75-80 kg: Nikhil Sharma, Gold and Harsh Sharma, Silver.

MOSAJ Shooters excel at Super Salvo Cup



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JAMMU: The Super Salvo Cup 2024 witnessed superb performance by Mission Olympics shooters, as they dominated the event and secured top honors in various categories.

The competition was organized by Salvo Shooting Arena under the aegis of Arjuna Awardee and Olympian Anjum Moudgil, held at HKM Shooting Academy, Patiala in Punjab.

The highlight of the tournament was MOSAJ's star shooter, Aneesha Sharma, who clinched the coveted Champion of Champions title in the 10M Air Rifle Men and Women category with an outstanding score of 632.2.

Aneesha's incredible performance earned her a cash prize of Rs 21,000, solidifying her position as one of the brightest shooting talents in India. The MOSAJ team also bagged multiple medals: Aneesha Sharma Gold Medal in the 10M Air Rifle with score 632.2 and Champion of Champions title. Himanshu Gupta Gold Medal in the Men's Category with a score of 628.9. Utkarsh Khajuria Silver Medal in the NR Men's Category with a score of 392.

Dilbag Singh, Patron-in-Chief of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association (JKRA), along with the esteemed president S.S. Sodhi, chairman Kuldeep Jamwal, and CEO DySP Sharat Chander Singh extended heartfelt congratulations to the athletes.

J&K Skipping teams leave for National



Dr. K C S Mehta, Mentor Jammu Sahodya School Complex and others during flagging off ceremony of J&K team.

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JAMMU: A contingent of 64 skippers, comprising 26 girls from Jammu and Kashmir left for participation in the 25th RSPT National Rope Skipping - Jump Rope Championship, scheduled to be held from December 12 to 14 at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula in Haryana.

The team was on Wednesday flagged off by Dr. KC S Mehta, Mentor Jammu Sahodya School Complex and Principal IDPS Akhnoor in the presence of Dr. Kunal Anand, Principal DPS Udhampur and Tarsem Sharma, founder of the game in J&K.

The team accompanied by the coaches and managers including Danish Sharma,

Nitish Singh, Rudrakshit Gupta, Jaspreet Kour, and Palak Sharma.

The Teams

GIRLS: Sheikh Airah, Falak Batool, Haseena Hamid, Aayati Saini, Anaya Singh, Kashish Saberwal, Avika Chibber, Hitaishi Goonyal, Shivy Sharma, Pahal Gupta, Kavya Singh, Ridhika Mehra, Kanika Sharma, Radhika Sharma, Aarvi Singh, Aavya Pawan Bazotra, Adarishta Manhas, Anandika Sangotra, Aapurti Saini, Manvi Sharma, Aparna Singh, Divanshi Kour, Mehak Mehra, Aradhna, Priyasha, and Mehak Bagal.

BOYS: Aditya Morya Singh Jamwal, Divyansh Sharma, Ritish Kumar,

Divyam Chargotra, Gouresh Bazotra, Tarun Dev Singh, Paras Balgotra, Lakshay Kumar, Abhinash Singh Sodhi, Jagdeep Kumar Manni, Ankit Kumar, Shashwat Johal, Harash Kumar, Karthik Khajuria, Shivyansh Gupta, Govind Bhal, Naksh Partap Singh, Sushant Sharma, Kunal Surya, Prince Mehra, Naveen Singh, Aksham Sharma, Gourav Singh, Ritshvick Singh, Mandar Mehta, Vansh Lal, Shivin Pandita, Abheer Salgotra, Shrawan Malhotra, Sourav Keshar, Shivang Kumar, Taranveer Singh, Nitin Kumar, Vardaan Singh, Dheeraj Kartool, Raghav Bhagat, Yuvraj Chib, and Krish Mehra.

Ajay Vaid awarded Ph.D

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MANDI GOBINDGARH:

Ajay Vaid, son of Kuldeep Raj and Jyoti, has been awarded the prestigious

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Political Science by RIMT University.

The official result notification (No. RIMTU/PB/COE/1711) was released on November 23, 2024.

Ajay Vaid, with Roll No. RIMT-20-2006/20-PHD-003, conducted research on "Role of China in Indian Ocean and Security Threats for India: A Case Study." His thesis was completed under the supervision of Dr. Megha Dhiman.

Enrolled on July 8, 2020, Ajay defended his thesis during the viva voce held on November 11, 2024. His work provides valuable insights into geopolitical security studies, marking a significant milestone in his academic journey.

Ajay Vaid's achievement is a proud moment for his family, mentors, and the academic community.

DG Sports inaugurates Inter District competition for Youth Festival



DG YSS, J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara and other dignitaries at inaugural ceremony.

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JAMMU: Director General Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara inaugurated Inter District Divisional Level competition for 28th National Youth Festival in an impressive and colourful function at Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground, here on Monday.

The folk artists from all ten districts of Jammu division took part in the competition and their performances cast spells on the audience.

The participating district included Jammu, Poonch, Reasi, Kathua, Ramban, Doda, Rajouri, Kishtwar, Udhampur and Samba.

Tara was accompanied by Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu Ved Prakash, Deputy Director

Youth Services and Sports Central Jitendra Mishra, Accounts Officer Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, Sumil Kumar Sharma and other officers and officials of the department.

While addressing a large number of participants, their escorts and the spectators, Tara said such events provide ample opportunity to youth to interact with their counterparts from other districts/States and exchange their culture, language and art, besides providing them platform to showcase their artistic talent.

He said apart from promoting sports and games, the Government is committed towards promoting art, culture and languages.

While throwing light on the

significance of the National Youth Festival, Sh Tara said the 28th National Youth Festival (NYF) will include a variety of events including District Youth Festivals, Thematic Competitions and Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue.

Earlier, Ved Prakash presented a welcome address and highlighted activities and achievements of the Department.

The programme began with National anthem which was followed by the lighting of the traditional lamp and presentation of bouquets.

The cultural and other allied items included Group Folk Dance, Group Folk Song, Science Mela, Story Writing, Poetry, Painting and Declaration.