

Bismah, Rubia stars as clinical J&K outplays Andhra Pradesh to qualify for knockouts



J&K team posing for a photograph with officials after winning a match.

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KOLKATA: Superb all-round show by Bismah Hassan and Rubia Syed, coupled with good contributions with the bat by all the top and middle-order batters powered Jammu and Kashmir to register a comprehensive 5-wicket win over formidable Andhra Pradesh, thus qualifying for the knockout stage of the prestigious Senior Women's One-Day Trophy at 22 Yards Salt Lake, Kolkata today. Chasing a fighting total of 225 runs, J&K rode on their batting depth and chased the target easily in 48.5 overs, losing 5 wickets in the process, thus winning the match by 5 wickets. Despite good contribu-

tions from all the top order batters, J&K at one stage were facing a daunting task in the last 12.4 overs as the team needed to score 78 runs in 76 balls with 5 wickets in hand when Shivanti Gupta (20) was sent back as wicket no-5. However, Rubia Syed and Bismah Hassan held their nerves when it mattered the most, making an unbeaten partnership of 78 runs to take their side home. Continuing the batting brilliance, Rubia top scored with 51 runs off 43 balls studded with 2 fours and 4 massive sixes, while Bismah remained unconquered on 28 runs off 34 balls without hitting a single boundary. Chitra Singh Jamwal (31), Skipper Jasia Akhtar (31) Bawandeep Kaur (24) and Rudrakshi Chib (20) were the other notable contributors with the willow. All the batters showed good temperament, resilience, perseverance and elegance. For Andhra Pradesh, E Padmaja took 2 wickets while Saranya Gadwal and V Pushpa Latha claimed one wicket each. Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, Andhra after early hiccups rode on Henrietta Pereira's splendid century scored a good total of 225 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing 9 wickets in the process. Henrietta scored 116 runs off 147 balls with 15 boundaries, while V Pushpa Latha and Ayesha Singh contributed 26 runs each and Saranya Gadwal contributed 20 runs to the total. Rubia was the most economical bowler; who gave away just 21 runs in her 10 overs. Speedster Bismah Hassan was the pick of the bowlers, who captured 5 wickets by conceding 45 runs in her 9 overs, while Chitra Singh Jamwal bagged 3 wickets and Sandhya Sayal claimed one. Rubia Syed was adjudged as the player of the match, while Bismah Hassan was presented match ball for her 5-wicket haul. "Sr Women OD Tournament. Well done J&K for qualifying for the knockout stage. J&K defeated favourite Andhra in a thrilling qualifier by 5 wickets. I fail to single out individual performances today since every player contributed towards the victory. Compliments to the Coach and others," Brig Anil Gupta Member-Administration JKCA.

Proud moment for J&K Cricket

KOLKATA: At the conclusion of the league phase, Jammu & Kashmir's cricketers have delivered outstanding performances, particularly in batting and bowling statistics, securing spots among the top players in the All India rankings. In batting, four J&K players feature in the list of the top 50 highest run-scorers: Jasia Akhtar, Rubiya Syed, Chitra Singh Jamwal, and Bawandeep Kaur. Jasia Akhtar is especially notable, ranking 2nd in the overall highest run-scorers list with an impressive total of 165 runs. Additionally, Jasia ranks 4th for the highest individual score in an innings. Rubiya Syed's exceptional performance in the tournament is also remarkable. She ranks 5th in the best strike rate with 134.30 and 6th with 130. Furthermore, Rubiya tops the list of highest strike rate (innings) with a remarkable 244.82 and holds the highest batting average of 129.50.

She is also 2nd in the number of sixes hit, with 17 sixes. Jasia Akhtar, alongside Rubiya Syed, also ranks high in various other categories. Jasia is 4th in the highest number of boundaries (fours) and 2nd in the number of centuries. On the bowling front, five J&K bowlers have made their mark in the list of the top 100 highest wicket-takers: Bismah Hassan, Ananya Sharma, Sandhya, Sarla, and Rudrakshi Chib. Ananya Sharma stands out by topping the list for the best strike rates (innings) with an impressive 5.80 SR. These exceptional achievements are a testament to the talent and hard work of J&K cricketers. Heartiest congratulations to all the players for their stellar performances. These landmarks serve as great motivators, inspiring not only the players but also budding cricketers across the region.

Newly elected Jammu Bar team calls on Chief Justice



Newly elected Jammu Bar team meeting with Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan on Monday.

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JAMMU: The newly elected team of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu comprising of President, Advocate K. Nirmal Kotwal, Vice-President Baldev Singh (Advocate), General Secretary Pardeep Majotra (Advocate), Joint Secretary Anshu Mahajan (Advocate), Treasurer Rahul Aggarwal (Advocate) called upon Chief Justice of J&K, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Sindhu Sharma at High Court of

Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh at Jammu. The newly elected team of office bearers in the first courtesy meeting had a brief discussion about the smooth functioning of Bar and Bench and further, maintaining and strengthening the cordial relations between the Bar and Bench. Further, the Judges welcomed the newly elected team of office bearers and assured to grant any and all kind of help in order to redress the grievances of members of legal fraternity by working together.

Record 40 medals for J&K in Rope Skipping



Medal winner players posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir performed exceptionally well winning a record 40 medals in the just held 25th RSFI National Rope Skipping Championship which held at Panchkula in Chandigarh. The J&K medal tally included 11 gold, 10 silver and 19 bronze medals in different age categories of boys and girls. The championship was organised by Rope Skipping Federation of India in collaboration with Modern Phlythian Games Council of India. This outstanding per-

formance marks a proud moment for the Union Territory, showcasing the exceptional talent and determination of J&K's athletes on the national stage," said Danish Sharma, technical chairman of Rope Skipping J&K, who led the UT contingent at the National stage. The Medal Winners: Gold: Aditya Morya Singh, Jamwal, Shivya Sharma, Pahal Gupta, Gauresh Bazotra, Divyam Chargotra, Krish Mehra, Priyasha Dogra, Aradhna, Krish Mehra, Aapurti Saini and Manvi Sharma. Silver: Ritish Kumar, Sheikh Aairah, Adarshita Manhas, Anandika Sangotra, Anaya Singh, Aayati Saini, Nitin Kumar, Raghav Bhagat, Dheeraj Karthol and Vardaan Singh. Bronze: Prince Mehra, Kunal Surya, Naveen Singh, Sushant Sharma, Paras Balgotra, Divyansh Sharma, Kanika Sharma, Yuvraj Chib, Haseena Hamid, Falak Batool, Anaya Singh (second event), Ridhika Mehra, Kavya Singh, Kashish Saberwal, Nitin Kumar (second event), Aradhna (second event), Abhinash Singh Sodhi, Mandar Mehta and Shivang Kumar.

Vishwa Bharati hosts tree talk



Vishwa Bharati School faculty and other dignitaries posing with students.

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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Public Higher Secondary School Akalpur Morh, Jammu organized a captivating "Tree Talk" event aimed at inspiring young minds to appreciate and protect environment. The programme commenced with 'Welcome Address' by Annapurna Koul, Principal Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School. The event held on Monday at the school premises, brought together students, faculty and community members to celebrate the importance of trees and their role in sustaining our planet. The "Tree Talk" featured a range of engaging activities in which the experts from the field of environment science delivered insightful presentations on the diverse benefits of trees, their ecological significance and the challenges they face. Students participated in hands-on workshops on topics such as tree identification, planting techniques and sustainable

practices. Creative students showcased their artistic talents through tree-themed drawings and paintings. The students of Vishwa Bharati College of Education and Vishwa Bharati School established various stalls like food and Beverages, Fresh material decoration model, Dry Decoration Model and Fresh pot Arrangements. A painting competition was also organized in which students made beautiful paintings and sceneries related to bounty of nature. Apart from this, a skit on Chipko Movement, Poetry, Tree cut out Briefing were also presented by students of both the college of Education and Vishwa Bharati School. Shafali Motton of class 11th A delivered a speech on the trees and their contribution for neat and clean environment. All the members of Vishwa Bharati Management Committee Dr. S.K Koul, President Vishwa Bharati Women's Welfare Institution, Yoginder Koul Treasurer Vishwa Bharati Jammu Unit, Verinder Krishen Dembi, Member RAC, Davinder Handoo, Principal Vishwa Bharati College of Education Jammu and teaching faculty along with students were present on the occasion. Besides these, some prominent persons present were Maharaj Krishen Santoshi, Prof. Vijay Chandan GDC Paloura, Dr. Samvena Sharma GDC Marh and Chandan Mohan Sharma Deputy Director Agriculture. Om Prakash Sharma IFC(Retd.PCCF) was the chief guest of the event who in his address accentuated the importance of trees for a healthy and disease-free

life. He asserted that the need of the time is to plant more and more trees to solve every environment related problem. Dr. S.K Koul also emphasized the significance of the trees and their role in making the mother earth a green, beautiful and pollution-free planet that is the dire necessity of present and future generations. The programme was anchored by Akshma Bakshi and "Vote of thanks" was read by Sameer Bhat in the honor of invited guests. The event culminated in a tree-planting drive, where students, faculty members and invited dignitaries participated in planting saplings on the school campus. The "Tree Talk" event was a significant step in fostering environmental awareness and empowering the next generations to become responsible environmental stewards.

KC International School celebrates its 17th Annual Day

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JAMMU: KC International School celebrated its 17th Annual Day on 12th and 13th December 2024 at Gen. Zorawar Singh Auditorium with unmatched enthusiasm and splendor. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, and a distinguished panel of Guests of Honour, Amarjit Singh, Special Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol Department), Dr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education, Subha Mehta (Joint Director, Education Department), Anissa Nabi (JKAS, State Project Manager, JKRLM), Ranjeet Kalra, member JKUT Sports Council, Rahul Sahai, Chairman ICC, Gourav Gupta, Secretary Jammu Club. Yajnadharnanda Secretary Ramakrishna Mission, Amit Gupta, Advocate, Vice



KCIS faculty posing for a photograph with dignitaries and winner students.

President, Bar Association Jammu, Pavan Vashisth, Principal, BSV Pilani & Padma Shri Romalo Ram. The school management was represented by President Chaitanya Chowdhary, Vice President, Vishal Chowdhary, General Secretary Saroj Mahajan, Finance Secretary Dr. Shikha Chowdhary, Manager Julie Chowdhary and Member Aryanam Chowdhary, whose presence added to the occasion a great significance. The event commenced with a welcome by the Principal Anupama Sinha, followed by the sapling presentation and ceremonial lamp lighting to seek divine blessings. The School Orchestra then inaugurated the cultural festivities, setting a vibrant tone for the day. The budding stars of Pre-Primary Wing presented an enchanting musical journey that emphasized the theme, "Sharing is Caring", followed by the Primary Wing's heartfelt presentation, "Time to Be Happy", symbolizing the resilience and aspirations of the students. The School Annual Report, delivered by the School Council, highlighted the institution's remarkable achievements and milestones over the year. Aligned with the theme, "The Sky is the Limit", the highlight of the event was the senior wing's captivating performance The Pursuit of Perfection. The prize distribution ceremony, eagerly awaited by students and parents recognized the outstanding achievements of students overall. The Chief Guest, Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha, applauded the school's efforts in fostering holistic development and encouraged students to strive for excellence, contributing to the glory of the nation. The School President, Chaitanya Chowdhary proposed a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest and all the attendees. The 17th Annual Day auspicious day was beautifully culminated by the Senior School Coordinator Roma Gupta with the Grand Finale followed by school song and National Anthem, leaving the audience inspired and proud.

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POWERGRID Inter Regional Cricket Tournament 2024 NR-II will clash with ER-II, CC will take on NR-I in semifinals



A player receiving Man of the Match award.

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JAMMU: The fascinating cricket that was witnessed on the third day of the POWERGRID Inter Regional Cricket Tournament 2024. Teams fought to their level best to achieve the honours. Today six matches were played in three grounds. NR-I, CC and ER-II qualified for Semi-Finals today. NR-II had already qualified for the semifinals. The semi-finals shall be played tomorrow at MA stadium and University Grounds. In the semifinals to be played at MA stadium, CC will clash with NR-I and at University Grounds, hosts NR-II will clash with ER-II. In today matches, WR-I defeated SR-II by 84 runs. Batting first WR-I scored 188/8 in their stipulated

20 overs. In reply SR-II managed to score only 104/8 in their 20 overs. Shrikant Raspelli of WR-I, who scored first century of the tournament, 109 (51) was declared Man of the Match. WR-II defeated NER twice in the day in their league matches. In the first match batting first WR-II scored 174/6(20.0). NER scored 153/4 in 20 overs. Vikas Chowdhary of WR-II, who scored 81 runs, was declared Man of the Match. And in the second match, WR-II batting first scored 130/8(15) in response to which, NER could score only 118/9 in 15 overs. Sachin Singh of WR-II was declared Man of the Match. CC trounced NR-III by 107runs. Batting first CC

Scored 188 for 6 wickets in 20 overs. And then bundled out NR-III on 81 runs in 12.3 overs. Mukesh Bhakar of CC, who scored 53 runs and took 3 wickets. was declared Man of the Match. NR-I defeated ER-II by 5 wickets. Batting first ER-II Scored 116/8 in 20 overs. In response to which NR-I reached the target in 17.4 over losing 5 wickets. Ramesh Bishnoi of NR-I took 3 wickets was declared Man of the Match. SR-I defeated ER-I. Batting first SR-I scored 165/5 in 20 overs. ER-I gave some nervous moments to SR-I but ultimately SR-I managed to restrict ER-I to 152/5 in 20 overs. Shaik Baji of SR-I was declared as Man of the Match for his well made 42(21) runs.

Satish Sharma conducts inspection of I&CC

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SAMBHA: Minister for Transport, Satish Sharma, on Monday conducted a comprehensive review of the Inspection and Certification Centre located in Samba. During the visit, the Minister reviewed progress on the ongoing infrastructure projects including Inspection and Certification Centre (I&CC) Samba, which will be completed with an estimated cost of Rs 14 crore and shall be fully operational by March-April, 2025. The Minister exhorted that operationalization of I&CC will play crucial



Transport Minister, Satish Sharma, conducting visit to Inspection and Certification Centre in Samba.

role in streamlined issuance of Fitness Certificates to the vehicles. He stressed upon the executing agencies to complete the remaining work specially construction of ramps at an earliest so that the center can be made operational before the deadline fixed by the higher authorities. Satish Sharma undertook a detailed assessment of the left-out works and issued strict directives to the executing agencies to ensure timely completion of all pending projects. He stressed the importance of adhering to project timelines and maintaining high quality standards in infrastructure development. The inspection was marked by a thorough examination of the current status and potential bottlenecks in project implementation. The Minister was accompanied by Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Mahajan, along with other senior officials of the department.

Srinagar Judo meet on Dec 21

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JAMMU: Judo Association Jammu and Kashmir shall hold day-long Srinagar District Judo Championship on December 21 at Polo Ground Stadium Srinagar. The championship is being organised by Srinagar District Judo Association under the Judo Association Jammu and Kashmir, J&K Sports Council and J&K Olympic Association. The interested eligible Judokas have been advised to report to concerned coaches, Showkat Shafi, Kabra Altaf and Rahil Shafi bringing along Aadhaar Card.

J&K Weightlifting Championship from Dec 19

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JAMMU: The J&K Weightlifting Association is all set to organize the Youth, Junior, and Senior Men and Women Championship at the Indoor Sports Stadium, Bhagwati Nagar, here from December 19 to 21. The championship will witness participation of over 100 athletes across various weight categories from different districts of J&K. "Different committees have been formed to ensure smooth conduct. This time, the Association has extended invite to former weightlifters and promoters of the sport," said Yudhvir Singh, General Secretary of the Association. Meanwhile, veteran weightlifters have congratulated Yudhvir Singh on being elected as the Treasurer of the J&K Olympic Association.