

# MP, Telangana lift titles; J&K bags silver in boys, bronze in girls

## J&K emerging as a sporting hub: Sarmad Hafeez

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JAMMU: Complimenting the organisers and the organisations that play a pivotal role in successful conduct of mega sports events in Jammu and Kashmir, Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, on Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir is emerging as a sporting hub and the Government is committed to promote sports in every nook and corner of the Union Territory.

He said this during the closing ceremony of 37th Sub Junior National Softball Championship held at MA Stadium here today. He declared the games closed.

Present on the occasion were Director General Youth Services and Sports, Rajinder Singh Tara, Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul and a galaxy of dignitaries.

Sarmad Hafeez said that



Winner team posing for a photograph with officials.

J&K Sports Council has organised 16 nationals during the year, adding that the Department of Youth Services and Sports has hosted historic four National School Games on the trot in Jammu.

Appreciating the participants for showing discipline, sporting spirit and preserving sanctity of sports and games, Sarmad Hafeez termed the athletes as future sporting stars of the nation. He said that such events

apart from helping the youth to showcase their sporting talent, help them not to derail from the mainstream.

Terming the participants as ambassadors of the nation, Sarmad Hafeez said that the sporting extravaganza like this help the participants to make new friends, exchange culture and language and build camaraderie.

Earlier, getting the better of their rivals in their respective summit clashes, the for-

midable teams of Madhya Pradesh and Telangana lifted the title trophies, thus winning Gold medals while Jammu and Kashmir won Silver medal in boys and Bronze medal in girls in the 37th Sub Junior National Softball Championship, organised by Softball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, under the auspices of Softball Association of India and J&K Sports Council.

In the boys section, Madhya Pradesh defeated J&K in the finals by eight homes to six (8-2) to win the title, while Andhra Pradesh claimed the 3rd place.

In the girls category, Telangana drubbed Andhra Pradesh by (5-2). in the finals to win the title, while the third place went to Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, in Baseball-5 boys, Kerala won Gold, Madhya Pradesh Silver and Chhattisgarh claimed Bronze while in Baseball-5 girls, Jammu bagged Gold medal, Kerala won Silver and the Bronze medal was bagged by Madhya Pradesh.

On the occasion, Sarmad Hafeez and other dignitaries honoured the medal winning teams with trophies and medals. He also felicitated technical officials and those who helped in conduct of this mega event in a most befitting manner.

### BBAJK to hold selection trials today

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JAMMU: The Body Building Association of India has intimated that it is going to organize 16th Senior Body Building and Physique Sports Championship 2025 at Belagavi, Karnataka from January 14 to 16, 2025.

In this regard, the Body Building Association of Jammu and Kashmir (BBAJK) has announced to conduct selection trials to select Jammu and Kashmir Body Building team for the aforesaid National Championship on December 25, 2024 between 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at International Gym, Rehari Colony, Jammu.

Body Builders from across the Jammu and Kashmir district units are expected to participate.

All athletes must bring a health certificate, Aadhaar card or passport, Passport-sized photographs, and a waiver of liability form to the trials.

For any query, Body Builders can contact to Rajesh Dutta of BBAJK on (7006202407).

### Uttarakhand defeats Life Care Lucknow in 13th Police Martyr's NZ T-20



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KATHUA: On the 7th day of the 13th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship 2024-25, held at the Sports Stadium in Kathua, only one match took place on Tuesday between Uttarakhand Cricket Club and Life Care Lucknow teams.

Life Care Lucknow won the toss and elected to bat first. They posted a modest total of 116 runs in 20 overs, losing 9 wickets in the process. Vinay was the top scorer for Lucknow, contributing 31 runs off 29 balls, which included 3 boundaries and a six.

Chasing a target of 117, the Uttarakhand team made light work of the task, reaching the target comfortably in just 13 overs at the loss of 3 wickets. Loveneet played a pivotal role in the chase, scoring a brilliant 67 runs off 38 balls, which included 10 boundaries and 2 sixes. Along with his impressive batting performance, Loveneet also contributed with the ball, claiming 2 wickets for 25 runs in his 4-over spell.

For his outstanding all-round performance, Loveneet was named the Man of the Match as Uttarakhand CC won the match by 7 wickets.

## Vishwa Bharati celebrates Christmas Day



Students, faculty and dignitaries during Christmas Day celebration.

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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Public High School, Akalpur Morh, Jammu hosted a vibrant Christmas celebration. The event held on 24th of December 2024 brought together students, faculty

and staff to celebrate the spirit of the festival.

The festivities kicked off with a colourful tableau of Jesus Christ and Santa Claus in which students were dressed in traditional attire. The highlight of the event was the lighting of

the Christmas tree, followed by a heartwarming performance of carols and hymns.

The celebration also included a special cultural programme showcasing the diverse talents of the students. School Principal Prof. Annapurna Koul congratulated the students and wished them "Merry Christmas".

On this special occasion, an inter-house tree decoration competition was also conducted in which students participated whole heartedly and decorated the trees beautifully showing their aesthetic skills. Satyam House declared winner of the competition and received praise and acclamation from everyone.

## DLSA Jammu organises Cricket Tournament

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JAMMU: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority, organized Cricket Tournament on Tuesday at Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, under the Chairmanship of Y. P. Bourney, Chairman DLSA (Pr. District & Sessions Judge), Jammu and supervision of Smriti Sharma, Secretary DLSA Jammu.

The Chief Guest of the Cricket Tournament was Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, who was welcomed by Veerinder Kumar Bhat,



Dignitaries during the tournament at Jammu on Tuesday.

Superintendent of Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

The Cricket Tournament was inaugurated by Smriti Sharma (Sub-Judge) who firstly interact with both teams.

While addressing the Jail inmates, she threw light that these sorts of tournaments provide an opportunity to demonstrate game skills and to determine the feeling of a competition. Ideally, the tournament should be designed in such a way that all participants have an equal chance to com-

pete and progress, regardless of factors like seeding or scheduling. Thereafter match began by tossing of coin whereby team who win the toss selected first to bat.

To boost the morale of jail inmates Advocate Anil Sharma, Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel Jammu played first ball in the field.

Amit Kumar Gupta, while addressing the jail inmates, said, "The sport activities are good for your physical and mental health. It also helps you to

develop leadership skills and equip you with the ability to set goals and build character."

He also emphasised on positive effects of sports activities and said that the sport activities can reduce the tension and stress and this will improve relationships with each other.

There was also an arrangement of first aid in the match for jail inmates.

The prize distribution ceremony was graced by Amit Kumar Gupta, who encourages both the team,

as Team A has scored 171 runs and Team B has scored 172 runs. The match was of 15 overs each.

Thereafter the Trophies were given to the Man of the Match, winning team and each one of the player of both teams for their active participation in the match.

Amit Gupta distributed trophies among players for their excellence and playing so well. Also, trophies were given to both the Umpires and commentators.

Under Secretary (Adm) Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, Muzamil Hayat Kabli, Dr. Pallavi, Medical Officer, Adv. Mohd. Asaf, Panel Lawyer of DLSA Jammu, Superintendent of Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu and other police personnel and Gourav Sharma, Para Legal Volunteer were also present there.

### Dr Kahkeshan qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Dr. Kahkeshan Shanaaz, daughter of Shanaz Iqbal and Maksudha Akhter, and wife of Er. Naveed Aslam Khan has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Sociology. She worked on the topic "A study of Human Rights Violations of Talwara Migrants" under the supervision of Dr. Hema Gandotra (Associate Professor) Department of Sociology, University of Jammu.



## KNIT celebrates Magic of Christmas

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JAMMU: Kotwal National Institute of Teaching, Bharat Nagar, Talab Tillo, a leading educational Institute celebrated Christmas with great enthusiasm and festive spirit. Student of Class 9th presented a mesmerizing programme. They sang Christmas carols with joy. General Dr. Narender Kotwal, the Chief Guest, guided students how to remain fit and healthy. He motivated the students to take care of their environment also.

Prof. J.L. Kotwal, the Director KNIT, impressed



Students, faculty and dignitaries during Christmas Day celebration.

upon unity in diversity. He encouraged the students to follow principles of Great men and remain united irrespective of religion, caste, creed or color, serve the Motherland and be

patriotic.

The programme also comprised speeches throwing light on lord Jesus life, welcoming the New Year 2025 Refreshment was distributed among the students.

### Chaar Sahibzaade Cricket Tournament Edition 3

## Rather Club Seri, Panjal Warriors, Loran Club register wins

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POONCH: The ongoing Chaar Sahibzaade Cricket Tournament Edition 3 at the Sports Stadium in Poonch witnessed three exciting encounters on Tuesday, showcasing thrilling performances from the participating teams.

In the first match of the day, Rather Club Seri defeated 5911 Club by 61 runs. Batting first, Rather Club Seri set a target of 143/4 in their allotted 12 overs. Azad Qureshi played a brilliant knock, top-scoring with 60 runs. Prithpal Singh of 5911 Club was the



pick of the bowlers, claiming 2 wickets. Chasing the target, 5911 Club struggled and could only manage to score 82/8 in their 12 overs. Gursimran was their top scorer with 18 runs. On the

bowling front, Shabir Malik of Rather Club Seri delivered a match-winning performance, taking 3 wickets and helping his team secure the victory. For his exceptional bowling, Shabir

Malik was named the Man of the Match.

The second match featured a dominant performance by Panjal Warriors, who triumphed over Poonch Tigers by a massive 122 runs. Panjal Warriors set a daunting target of 206/0 in just 12 overs. Sohail played an outstanding innings, scoring a blistering 113 runs, while Waseem contributed with 65 runs. In reply, Poonch Tigers were all out for a mere 84 runs. Zeeshan was the top scorer for the Tigers with 21 runs. The star of the match was Mehkash of Panjal

Warriors, who delivered a stunning performance with the ball, taking 6 wickets for just 10 runs. For his brilliant century, Sohail was named the Man of the Match.

In the third match, Loran Club won a close contest against Oreas Club by 4 wickets. Oreas Club batted first and managed to score 72/4 in their 12 overs, with Gurvinder Singh top-scoring with 18 runs. Faisal of Loran Club played a key role with the ball, taking 2 wickets. Chasing a modest target of 73 runs, Loran Club reached the target in

just 10 overs, finishing at 73/6. Touseef was the highest run-scorer for Loran Club with 21 runs, while Rohit of Oreas Club took 3 wickets. Faisal Iqbal was named the Man of the Match for his superb bowling performance.

The Chaar Sahibzaade Cricket Tournament continues to captivate the local cricketing community, and is being organized under the supervision of the Chaar Sahibzaade Tournament Management Committee, with significant support from the youth of Poonch.

### Christmas Carnival celebration held at Shiksha Niketan



Students, faculty and dignitaries during Christmas Day celebration.

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu, hosted a spectacular Christmas Carnival on Tuesday, spreading joy and festive cheer among students, staff, and guests. The event was graced by the presence of Rasika Sikka, BDO HQ, Jammu, who is also a alumna of the school. Saint George Matti, State President of RMS and presently serving as Father in Maha Abhishek Church, Bishnah, added to the spiritual and celebratory ambience of the occasion. The event commenced with a welcome to the dignitaries, followed by a series of cultural performances. Students showcased their talent through vibrant dance performances, captivating the audience with their energy and creativity. Adding to the festive spirit, a lively Christmas carol session filled the air with melodious tunes.

The Christmas Carnival also featured various games, music, and a range of food stalls, creating a fun-filled environment for students to enjoy and cherish. The school ensured inclusivity and celebration for all by distributing food items among the teachers and staff members, adding a thoughtful touch to the event. Speaking on the occasion, Rasika Sikka expressed her nostalgia and pride in being part of the Shiksha Niketan family and lauded the school's efforts in organising such vibrant celebrations. Saint George Matti emphasized the message of peace, love, and togetherness that Christmas embodies. The Christmas Carnival concluded on a high note with laughter, joy, and cherished memories for all attendees. The management, staff, and students of Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School extended their gratitude to the guests and everyone who contributed to making the event a grand success.

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SAMBA: Humanity Public School (HPS), Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana celebrated Christmas with enthusiasm and joy through a series of activities designed to engage students. The day began with two separate assemblies, one conducted by the Junior section and the other by the Senior section, setting a festive and disciplined tone for the celebration.

The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the candles by the Principal, Gaurav Charak, Vice-Principal, Mrs. Anku Charak along with the Administrative



Officer, Ravinder Sadhu, and other Incharges Mr Akashdeep Raina (Admin Incharge), Parsidh Singh (Incharge Hr. Sec. Wing), Namrta Sharma (Incharge High Wing), Vandana Sharma (Incharge Primary Wing), Aparna

Billowria (Incharge Pre-Primary Wing), Er. Varinder Kumar (IT/Computer Incharge) and Mahan Singh (Sports Incharge) symbolizing hope and positivity.

In the Junior section assembly, students performed

Christmas rhymes, filling the air with melodies of cheer and excitement. Tiny toddlers stole the show with their adorable dance performance, bringing smiles to everyone's faces. The little angels of classes 3rd and 4th presented a beautiful song

on Christmas Day.

The senior section assembly featured students portraying the beloved Santa Claus, spreading happiness and distributing candies among the students. Senior students showcased their musical talents with a heartfelt Christmas carol, spreading cheer and warmth. A mesmerizing dance performance by the students of class 5th captured the festive spirit and delighted the audience. Adding a unique touch to the celebration, the teachers Neha Sharma (High wing Teacher) and Shivani Chib (Pre-Primary Teacher) delivered an insightful presentation

on the significance of Christmas, highlighting its universal message of love, compassion and giving.

The Vice-Principal, Anku Charak addressed the gathering, appreciating the efforts of students and staff in organizing such a wonderful event. Her words encouraged everyone to embrace the true meaning of Christmas.

The event concluded with an inspiring speech by the Principal, Gaurav Charak who emphasized the importance of unity, kindness and hope. The principal also extended warm wishes for the New Year to all students and staff.