

City Club, Ramnagar Club 'A' win 36th District Udhampur Boys & Girls Volleyball Championship



MLA Udhampur West, Pawan Kumar Gupta presenting memento to Manoj Kumar Sicon, Commandant of 137 Bn CRPF and trophy to winner team.

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: The 36th District Udhampur Boys & Girls Volleyball Championship, organized by the Volleyball Association of District Udhampur under the auspices of the Volleyball Association of J&K, concluded with City Volleyball Club and Ramnagar Volleyball Club 'A' lifting the boys' and girls' trophies, respectively. The championship was held at the Volleyball Complex of SIKS Govt.

Model HSS Boys Udhampur, sponsored by the J&K Sports Council. In boys' final, City Volleyball Club defeated Udhampur Volleyball Club by 3-1 (25-16, 25-20, 22-25, 25-23) while Ramnagar Volleyball Club 'A' defeated Ramnagar Volleyball Club 'B' by 3-1 (25-20, 15-25, 25-15, 25-20) in girls' final. The event saw a significant presence of dignitaries, with Pawan Kumar Gupta, MLA Udhampur (West), as the Chief Guest, and Dheeraj

Jandial, District Treasury Officer Udhampur, as the Guest of Honour. Manoj Kumar Sicon, Commandant of 137 Bn CRPF, was the Special Guest. Ashok Padha, President of the Volleyball Association of District Udhampur, welcomed the guests, while Sunil Sharma, Organizing Secretary of the Championship, presented a briefing about the event and highlighted the long-pending demand for an Indoor Multipurpose Complex at

the school, which is already under process. In his address, Pawan Kumar Gupta praised the association for organizing the successful championship and promised to pursue the demand for an indoor stadium, recognizing it as a crucial need for the district. The event was further enlivened by a Cultural Programme presented by Princeton High School Garhi (Udhampur). CRPF 137 Bn Udhampur, the administration of SIKS

Govt. Model HSS Boys Udhampur, and the Lions Club extended great cooperation for the event, with sponsored trophies. Amit Sharma, a National Volleyball player, conducted the stage proceedings, while the final matches were officiated by Naveen Sharma, Sunil Khajuria, and Manik Nargotra. The event also recognized the achievements of athletes who brought laurels to the district. Pawan Kumar Gupta awarded cash prizes

of Rs. 2100 to both winners and Rs. 1100 to the runners-up in both categories. Medal-winning athletes were also honoured, with additional cash awards. Dr. K.C. Sharma awarded Rs 1100 to Tarun and Aqeeq and Upkar Singh awarded Rs 500 to Ravi. Amit Chander Singh, General Secretary of the District Volleyball Association, concluded the event with a vote of thanks. Prominent Attendees include Dr. Yogeshwar Gupta, Former President, Municipal Council Udhampur, Sunil Sharma, President, District Athletic Association, Rajeev Dogra, Retd. Volleyball Coach from Sports Authority of India, Upkar Singh, Shyam Kalsotra, veteran cricket player and President Chamber of Commerce, Raj Guru, Vice President J&K Volleyball Association, RK Varmani, President Veopar Mandal, Anil Arora, Former Council W.No 10, Sagar Dev Singh and K.C. Sharma, among others.

Aarav, Shivaaya of JKPS Panjirthi win 1st prize at 'Dance Ka Dum' Competition

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Dance Ka Dum competition, organized by the Unique Dancing Institute, witnessed exceptional performances from a variety of participants. Among them, Aarav Sharma and Shivaaya Sharma, both from Upper KG of J K Public School (JKPS) Panjirthi, emerged as the winners in the Duet Dance category, securing the first prize. The judges were particularly impressed by the young duo's expressions, stage coverage skills, and the choreography, praising their flawless performance and synchronization on stage. The Principal of JKPS Panjirthi, Suman Banbah, extended her heartfelt congratulations to the Jakians for their remarkable achievement. She emphasized the importance of determination and hard work, stating, "The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence." The success of Aarav and Shivaaya highlights the growing talent in the school and underscores the importance of extracurricular activities in developing well-rounded individuals.



Principal JKPS Panjirthi, Suman Banbah felicitating winner students.

Poonch hosts National-Level Cricket Triangular Series for differently-abled

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: What could be described as a historic move, Poonch on Monday hosted the maiden National-Level Cricket Triangular Series for Differently-abled, marking a significant milestone in promoting inclusivity in sports in the border district. Coinciding with the National Disability Day, the tournament, organised by the District Administration Poonch in collaboration with the JK Divyang Welfare Association and the Divyang Cricket Control Board of India, featured enthusiastic participation from teams representing Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir. The event was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, who termed the initiative as a vital step towards empowering differently-abled individuals and showcasing their remarkable



DC Poonch, Vikas Kundal and others at opening ceremony.

able talent in cricket. He emphasized the importance of fostering inclusivity and sportsmanship through such events. The triangular series brought together players from across the country, reflecting their determination and spirit to excel despite challenges. Shah Aziz, Captain of the J&K Divyang Cricket Team, noted that this collaboration sets a precedent for Poonch to emerge as a hub for inclu-

sive sports, providing opportunities for differently-abled athletes to shine on national platforms. Deputy Commissioner said that it is the first national-level event hosted in Poonch, coinciding with National Disability Day. The opening ceremony was attended by DDC Member Riaz Bashir Naz, Chairman Pir Panchal Mohammad Fareed Malik, and other sports dignitaries were present in the tournament.

J&K outplays formidable Maharashtra 3-1; Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand blank opponents

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Teamwork helped Jammu and Kashmir outplay formidable Maharashtra in a tough contest, while Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana and Jharkhand blanked opponents by big margins as twenty eight matches were played on day-3 of the ongoing 68th National School Games in the discipline of Football U-17 Boys, being organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, under the aegis of School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Sainik School Nagrota and Khel Gaon Nagrota near here. Jammu and Kashmir registered a convincing victory over strong Maharashtra by three goals to one (3-1) in a tough contest. The goal scorers for Jammu and Kashmir were Aayan Bilal, who scored 2 goals and Muzamil Lateef who netted one. At Ground-1, Manipur drubbed IPSC by two goals to one (2-1); Delhi trounced CISE by two goals to nil (2-0); Assam defeated Lakshadweep by two goals to one (2-1); West Bengal thrashed KVS by eight goals to one (8-1).

68th National School Games U-17 Boys Football

by eight goals to nil (8-0) and Jammu & Kashmir beat Maharashtra by three goals to one (3-1). At Ground-6 Khel Gaon Nagrota, Punjab thrashed KVS by six goals to nil (6-0); Haryana blanked Puducherry by twelve goals to nil (12-0) and Tamil Nadu defeated CBSE WSO by seven goals to three (7-3). Meanwhile, as part of the historic series of the 68th National School Games in four sports disciplines, the mega soccer event is being held under the patronage of Minister for Sports, Sh Satish Sharma; Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sh Sarmad Hafeez and under the chairmanship of Director General Youth Services and Sports, Sh Rajinder Singh Tara. In this month-long series of 68th National School Games three events of Judo, Fencing and Wushu have already been completed and the fourth one that's Football U-17 Boys & Girls is in progress. Over 4000 athletes and officials have participated in these games.



Winner J&K team posing for a photograph after the match.

At Ground No-2 of Sainik School Nagrota, Madhya Pradesh outplayed Telangana by two goals to nil (2-0); Meghalaya drubbed CBSE by 5 goals to nil (5-0); Karnataka blanked DNHDD by six goals to nil (6-0) and Punjab got the better of Manipur by two goals to nil (2-0). At Ground-3 of Sainik School Nagrota, Uttarakhand beat Gujarat by a solitary goal (1-0); Tripura defeated Himachal Pradesh by one goal to nil (1-0); Kerala trounced IBSO by three goals to nil (3-0) and

Vidya Bharati thrashed Telangana by eight goals to nil (8-0). At Ground-4 of Sainik School Nagrota, Maharashtra defeated Tamil Nadu in a close contest by a solitary goal (1-0) and Bihar beat Rajasthan by one zero (1-0); Uttar Pradesh held Chandigarh to (1-1) draw and Madhya Pradesh defeated Gujarat by three goals to nil (3-0). At Ground-5 Khel Gaon Nagrota, Arunachal Pradesh crushed CBSE WSO by fourteen goals to nil (14-0); Jharkhand blanked Andhra Pradesh

GHSS Sartingal clinches volleyball trophy

STATE TIMES NEWS
BHADERWAH: To divert the energy of youths towards sports activities and keep them away from social evils, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) 33 Battalion organised 3 days Volleyball Tournament 2024 at Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah under Civic Action Programme 2024, which concluded here today with the final match and valedictory function. The tournament was played on Volleyball court at CRPF HQ Sarna Bhaderwah under the supervision of Commandant CRPF 33 Battalion. DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal was the chief guest on the occasion while 2IC 4RR Lt Col Sameer Anurag was the



Chief Guest presenting trophy to a winner team at Bhaderwah.

guest of honor. Commandant CRPF 33 Bn Arun Kumar Singh presided over the function. Sapan Suman Dy Commandant, Pankaj Kumar Assistant Commandant, SM Pushpinder Mishra and others were also present on the occasion.

Total 8 teams drawn from different rural and urban areas of Additional District Bhaderwah participated in the tournament. After winning their league matches, the final was played between Govt High School (GHS) Dradhu vs Govt Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Sartingal,

in which Sartingal register victory by 3-2 sets and clinch the Trophy. DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal appreciated the CRPF for going extra mile in leading youths towards positive and healthy activities. He also said that youths are backbone of our nation

and appeal them to take part in such activities to be a part nation's growth. Commandant CRPF 33 Bn Arun Kumar Singh thanked all participants and dignitaries for their participation. He said, "We are committed for the welfare of people in all ways and such sporting events will be continued for youths followed by other initiatives." "The constructive engagements with the youth are very important to make society a better place and to explore their hidden talents so that they can excel in higher level," Singh added. While talking our Reporter Raja Rehber Jamal, the participating youth appreciated the efforts of CRPF for providing them a platform to showcase their talent.

KC College of Education observes World AIDS Day with 'Poster Making Activity'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: KC College of Education observed World AIDS Day by organizing a poster making activity on the theme "Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right!" The event aimed to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and promote the importance of health and well-being. The poster making activity saw enthusiastic participation from students, who showcased their creativity and talent through thought-provoking posters. The posters highlighted various aspects of HIV/AIDS, including prevention, treatment, and the importance of human rights. The event was organized under the guidance of Priya Gupta, NSS Programme Officer, K.C. College of Education. "We aim to educate our students about the importance of health and well-being, and encourage them to take an active role in promoting awareness about HIV/AIDS," said Mrs. Gupta. Dr. Sanjay Tickoo, Principal of the college appreciated the students for their active participation and creative efforts in the poster making activity. "I am proud of our students for their enthusiasm and dedication to promoting awareness about HIV/AIDS. Their posters were thought-provoking and informative, and I am confident that they will make a positive impact in their communities," he said. Priya Gupta, NSS Programme Officer, added, "Through this event, we hope to inspire our students to become ambassadors of awareness and promote a culture of compassion and support for those affected by HIV/AIDS."



Inter-Collegiate Badminton Championship 2024-25 begins in JU

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Inter-Collegiate Badminton (Men & Women) Championship 2024-25, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, commenced on Monday at the Gymnasium Hall of the university. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU was the Chief Guest, who inaugurated the championship in the presence of Dr. Mandeep Singh, Vimal Kishore, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Vikas Karlopia, Gagan Kumar, Padam Dev Singh, Jai Bharat, Inderjeet Singh, Vandana Sharma and other digni-



taries, players, officials from various affiliated colleges of University of Jammu on the occasion. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba interacted with the players, inspiring them with his words of encouragement and emphasizing the importance of discipline, teamwork, and fair play in sports. The Results: G D C

Mendhar beat BN College of Nursing Jammu by 2-0; K C Law College beat GDC Marh by 2-1; Dogra Degree College beat GDC Billawar by 2-0; BDC Udhampur beat GDC Bishnah by 2-0; and GDC Doda beat GDC Ramnagar by 2-0. The matches were officiated by Ravish Vaid, Jeevan Lal, Arjun Sharma and Ritik Jandial.

Inter-Collegiate Kho-Kho, Grappling Championships 2024-25 begin

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Inter-Collegiate Kho-Kho (Men) Tournament 2024-25 and Inter-Collegiate Grappling (Men) Championship 2024-25, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, commenced on Monday at University of Jammu. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest, who inaugurated the tournament. Dr. Mandeep Singh, Vimal Kishore, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Vikas Karlopia, Gagan Kumar, Padam Dev Singh, Jai Bharat, Inderjeet Singh, Vandana Sharma and other dignitaries, officials from various affiliated colleges of University



Medal winner grapplers posing for photograph with dignitaries at JU.

of Jammu present on the occasion. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba interacted with the players, inspiring them with his words of encouragement and emphasizing the importance of discipline, teamwork, and fair play in sports. The Result: GDC Doda beat GCET Jammu by 06 points; PG Deptt JU beat GDC Marh

by 13 points; and GDC Kathua beat GDC Paloura by 10 points. The matches were officiated by Dheeraj Sharma, Palbinder Singh, Pojra Sharma, Jagdev Singh, Anil Kumar and Gagan Kumar. **GRAPPLING (Men):** 54-Kg: Mohd. Saleem, GDC Kathua, gold; Vinkle, GDC Doda, silver; Sushain, GDC Marh, bronze. 58-Kg:

Eshaan Saini, G D C Marh, gold; Vikshay, GDC Doda, silver; Kanav, GCET Jammu, bronze. 62-Kg: Gagan, GDC Basohli, gold; Shivam, PG Deptt JU, silver; Ratesh, GDC Kunjwani, and Nikhil, GDC Doda, joint Bronze. 66-Kg: Azad, GDC Reasi, gold; Krish, GDC Doda, silver; Kunal, GDC Paloura and Aryan, Dogra Degree College,

joint bronze. 70-Kg: Munish, PG Deptt JU, gold; Atish, GDC Paloura, silver; Tofail, GDC Doda and Sunny, GDC Marh, joint bronze. 74-Kg: Shubham, GDC Paloura, gold; Gurnhar, GDC Kunjwani, silver; Waqar, GDC Doda, and Yogesh, PG Deptt JU, joint bronze. 78-Kg: Karnail, GDC Reasi, gold; Kamalpreet, PG Deptt JU, silver; and Rohanjeet, GDC Doda, bronze. 82-Kg: Gourav, PG Deptt JU, gold; Arunjeet, GDC Doda, silver; and Ashish, PG. Deptt. JU and Mohd. Kaif, Dogra Degree College, joint bronze. 86-Kg: Adnan Farooq, GDC Doda, gold; Jagnohan, PG. Deptt. JU, silver; and Rahul Sharma, MIET Jammu, bronze. 92-Kg: Vikram, GDC Paloura, gold; Gourav, GDC Marh, silver; and Kashiv, GDC Marh, bronze.