

Ramhall Club wins Kupwara Volleyball trophy



Winner team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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SRINAGAR: Ramhall Volleyball Club defeated Rajwar Volleyball Club 3-2 in a closely contested final to clinch the District Kupwara Volleyball Championship, which held at Hill Grange School Handwara, here.

In the entertaining title clash, Ramhall were leading 2-0, but Rajwar Club fought back and levelled the score 2-2. However, in the decider, Ramhall emerged winner making it a close 17-15. The score:

25-22, 25-19, 22-25, 18-25, and 17-15.

In the final and valedictory function, in total, eight teams took part in this two-day event, which was organised by Volleyball Association Kupwara under the banner of Volleyball Association of J&K. The event was sponsored by the J&K Sports Council as part of the domestic activities.

Superintendent of Police Handwara, Sahil was the chief guest in the final and

closing function. He presented the title trophies and other individual prizes amidst interaction with the finalist teams. DDC Rajwar, Sulaiman Mir was guest of honour.

Among other prominent present were Principal GHSS Handwara, Shabudin Peerzada; XEN R&B Handwara, Farooq Ahmad Shah; Chairman Hill Grange School, Javid Ahmad Mir and Principal Hill Grange School, Farooq Ahmad Malik as also chief patron

Volleyball Association Kupwara, Kehkashaan Shehzadi

Both the special guests congratulated the Volleyball Association Kupwara for organizing a well-managed event and expressed hope that many more such tournaments will be held in the future.

The technical panel in this event comprised Manzoor Ahmad Khan, Ashtiq Hussain Bhat, Shah Faisal, Ifaq Bashir, Tahir Iqbal, Nusrat Majeed and Arif Hassan.

Kabaddi probables named for Junior Girls National Championship

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JAMMU: The general secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta today announced the probable for the coaching camp before team's departure for the 51th Junior Girls National Kabaddi Championship.

The National Championship is scheduled to be held at Kolkata in West Bengal from December 25 to December 28. The coaching



camp and the team for the National event is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council. The probables: Divya Chouhan, Ishika, Mehak, Tabasum Mohindin, Naysa Singh, Saniya Jan, Vaivahi Sharma, Rashi Sadhyal, Samiksha Anand, Sumaina, Reetika Bhagat, Karitika Verma, Marifa Bilal, Saima Anran, Sonakshi Khajuria and Rabia Rashid. Officials: Nisha Rani (Coach) and Sakinder Lal (manager).

Pulwama wins U-14 boys Softball trophy



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REASI: District Pulwama won the boys under-14 trophy in the annual Inter-district Softball Tournament, which held under the banner of Directorate of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Sports Stadium, Katra, here today.

In the final, Pulwama blanked district Srinagar 8-0. The event was hosted by the district Reasi. Principal Higher Secondary School Katra, Geeta

Choudhary was chief guest, who presented the winners trophy. She spoke to the teams and encouraged them to excel in sports by balancing the games with studies.

District (DYSS) officer Reasi, Tersem Singh appreciated the efforts of the field staff and technical staff for the smooth and successful conduct of the tournament.

Among others present were Devinder Kour, Saroj Bala, Vikas

Verma, Jaswant Singh, Mohd. Raiz, Ankush Sharma, Sahil Sharma and Ajay Kumar.

Poonch, Srinagar Boxing meet from Dec 14

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Boxing Association (JKABA) shall hold district championships at Poonch and Srinagar on December 14 and December 16, respectively.

While district championship of Poonch shall be held at Sports Stadium while competition at Srinagar shall be organised at Boxing Arena, Indoor Complex, Bakshi Stadium.

Both the district events shall be held in Sub-Junior, Junior, Youth and Elite (boys and girls) categories under the aegis of Boxing Federation of India and J&K Olympic Association. District championships are sponsored by the J&K Sports Council.

Those interested eligible boxers have been advised by the Association to submit the necessary documents, including the photographs and Aadhar Card along with entry fee with the organising committee.

Players born in a particular year are only eligible to compete in these district events. The details: Sub Junior: 1st January 2011 to 31st December 2012; Junior: 1st January 2009 to 31st December 2010; Youth: 1st January 2007 to 31st December 2008; Elite: 1st January 1985 to 31st December 2006.

Aquib Nabi among eight JKCA players shortlisted for IPL Auction 2026

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JAMMU: Sensational fast bowler Aquib Nabi, who is rapidly emerging as a strong contender for national selection, is among the eight talented cricketers from the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) shortlisted for the IPL Auction 2026.

Joining him are versatile all-rounder Lone Nasir Muzaffar, pacer Waseem Bashir Khanday, left-arm spinning all-rounder Abid Mushtaq, stylish southpaw Vivrant Sharma, explosive opener Qamran Iqbal, lanky paceman Atif Mushtaq and crafty off-spinner Murgan Ashwin, showcasing the growing pool of cricketing talent from the region.

All uncapped players from JKCA will enter the



auction with a base price of Rs 30 lakh each, attracting attention from IPL franchises eager to invest in emerging stars.

Notably, four prominent players from Jammu and Kashmir-speedster Umran Malik, dynamic batter Abdul Samad, promising pacer Yudvir Singh Charak, and seam bowler Rasikh Salam (now representing Baroda)-have

already been retained by their respective franchises. Samad continues with Lucknow Super Giants, Yudvir with Rajasthan Royals, Umran with Kolkata Knight Riders, and Rasikh with Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Out of more than 1,300 aspirants, the BCCI has announced the final shortlist of players for the IPL 2026 auction, featuring 240 Indian and 110 overseas cricketers. The high-profile bidding event is scheduled to take place in Abu Dhabi on December 16, 2025.

Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA, extended best wishes to all the shortlisted players, expressing confidence in their ability to shine on the biggest platform in world cricket.

IR 14, IR 15 dominate in Inter-Bn meet of JKAP

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JAMMU: The IR 14 battalion in men section and IR 15 battalion in women section dominated with three titles each at the end of day-two of the ongoing inter-battalion sports meet of Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police (JKAP) at different venues, here today.

Both IR 14 and IR 15 clinched three title trophies each in the team events thus maintained a substantial lead over other battalions. While IR 14 men won Basketball, Handball and Hockey finals, the IR 15 women excelled in Football, Basketball and Handball events. The event shall conclude with Athletics events of 100 meters races and Tug of War men final in front of the distinguished guests in the closing function.

Important to mention here that the inter-battalion sports meet of the JKAP



Winner team posing for a photograph after receiving trophy.

was stopped mid way aftermath the unfortunate Pahalgam attack.

It has been learnt reliably that the inter-battalion sports meet is organised to extend the serving jawans and officers ample of opportunities to showcase their sporting talent.

Such events also help the sports wing of the JKAP to tap the hidden sports talent in the force and then prepare them for the different sports events, including All India Police Games, held annually.

The Winners: Kabaddi (Men): 1st Border Bn; Football (Men): JKAP 8th Bn; Basketball (Men): IRP 14th Bn; Basketball

DC Udhampur felicitates Sidharth Taekwondo Academy athletes for national-level triumph

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, on Tuesday felicitated the talented athletes of Sidharth Taekwondo Academy, District Udhampur, for their remarkable performance at the 69th National School Games - Taekwondo (U-19 Boys & Girls).

Three athletes from the academy represented Jammu & Kashmir at the prestigious national event.

Among them, Mohit Anthal and Shivansh Rajput emerged as shining stars by clinching gold medals, bringing glory to the district and the Union Territory.

Shruti Thakur also earned appreciation for her exceptional performance, displaying



DC Udhampur, Saloni Rai felicitating athletes of Sidharth Taekwondo Academy, District Udhampur.

commendable skill, discipline, and competitive spirit. The DC congratulated the young athletes and praised their hard work, resilience, and dedication. She also appreciated the efforts of their coach and the academy for consistently nurturing

sporting talent and encouraging youth participation in martial arts.

Heartiest congratulations were extended to all the athletes, their coach, and the entire academy for making Udhampur proud at the national platform.

BUPL 2025-26: Sikh Cricket Club, Peer Panjal Royals register dominant wins

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NEWSHERA: Day 9 of the Brig Usman Premier League (BUPL) 2025-26 witnessed two exciting contests at the Nowshera Sports Stadium, with Sikh Cricket Club and Peer Panjal Royals emerging victorious in their respective matches. The tournament is being organised by the Lam Battalion under the aegis of the Nowshera Brigade as part of Operation Sadbhavna.

In Match No. 17, Rajput Cricket Club won the toss and opted to bat first, setting a competitive total of 115/8 in 15 overs. Sikh Cricket Club displayed a strong batting performance in reply, successfully chasing the target by scoring 116/4 in 12.5 overs to claim a six-wicket



Participating teams posing with trophy.

win. Balwinder Singh of Sikh Cricket Club was declared

Man of the Match for his valuable all-round display,

contributing 11 runs and claiming 2 wickets.

Winning start by JU in NZ Varsity Volleyball



JU team posing for a photograph after winning match.

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JAMMU: University of Jammu made a winning start

in the North Zone Inter-University Volleyball (Men) Tournament, organised by

Central University of Haryana (CUH) under the banner of Association of Indian

Universities (AIUs).

In the opening match, JU defeated MRU Faridabad in straight sets of 25-11, 25-15, 25-11, in complete domination throughout the game. The JU team is accompanied by Azhar Hussain Shah (Coach) and Sat Paul (Manager).

Meanwhile, Dr. Daud Iqbal Bala, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU applauded the outstanding efforts of the team and wished for improved performance in the upcoming matches.

Shastri Club Paloura shines at Inter-District and State Level Kurash Judo Championship

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JAMMU: Shastri Club Paloura delivered an outstanding performance at the Inter-District and State Level Kurash Judo Championship held at Youth Hostel Nagrota from December 6th to 7th, 2025.

The championship was organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports, Jammu, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from young athletes across the region. The players of Shastri



Club Paloura showcased exceptional skill, strength, and discipline throughout the event, securing multiple top positions. Rudhar Pratap Singh clinched the Gold Medal in the 60 kg

category of the Under-19 age group, demonstrating remarkable technical ability. In the Under-17 category, Mayank Sharma emerged victorious with a Gold Medal in the 55 kg

weight group, displaying impressive agility and control. Adding to the club's medal tally, Avikam Chib secured a Gold Medal in the 40 kg Under-14 category, standing out with his strong and well-executed performance. With this stellar showing, all three athletes have earned the opportunity to represent Jammu & Kashmir at the upcoming Kurash School National Championship, scheduled to be held from December 16th to 19th, 2025, in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

CLUJ women's volleyball, badminton teams flagged off for North Zone Tournament



Cluster University of Jammu a faculty with Women's Volleyball and Badminton teams at flagging off ceremony.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Cluster University of Jammu flagged off its Women's Volleyball and Badminton teams for participation in the North Zone Inter-University Tournament being organized by the Integral University, Lucknow, and CT University, Ludhiana.

The ceremony marked a moment of pride and encouragement for the young athletes as they embark on their competitive journey.

Ankur Mahajan (KAS), Registrar, Cluster University of Jammu, formally sent off the

teams in presence of Prof. D. S. Manhas, Dean Students' Welfare, and Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director, Physical Education and extended her heartfelt best wishes. In her inspiring message, to the players she said that you are the ambassadors of CLUJ's spirit and determination. Play with confidence, uphold sportsmanship, and remember that every challenge is an opportunity to grow. We believe in your excellence.

The Volleyball team, guided by Coach Shubham Mehta and led by Manager Shazia Qureshi, includes talented

players, Simran Kumari, Krishna Charak, Manvi Rajput, Jiya Charak, Monika Bhushan, Pragya Sharma, Himani Dogra, Surbhi Manhas, Anuradha, Sanjana Devi, and Amrita Kumari. Whereas the Badminton team, led by Manager Buneet Singh, comprises skilled players, Rudrakshi Sharma, Tejasvi Sharma, Aena Gupta, and Pallavi Sharma.

In his message, Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) K. S. Chandrasekar appreciated the dedication of the players and the Department of Physical

Education. Dr. Chadraserkar added that Dr. Bakshi's consistent efforts have significantly enriched the sports culture of the University, ensuring that student athletes receive the best training and opportunities to excel. He further remarked, that our students continue to bring laurels through their hard work and discipline. I am confident that these teams will perform exceptionally and uphold the University's reputation. VC along with the University community wished the teams great success at the tournament.