

# LG inaugurates KP Premier League Cricket Tournament

## Sports important pillar of nation-building process: Sinha



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at inauguration ceremony of KPPL Cricket Tournament at KC Sports Club Jammu.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday inaugurated the Kashmiri Pandit Premier League (KPPL) Cricket Tournament at KC Sports Club Jammu.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor congratulated the Lalitaditya Sports, Education and Health Organization on its initiative to empower youth through

sports. He extended his felicitations and best wishes to the men and women players from across the country and abroad participating in the tournament.

"Sports has been an important pillar of the nation-building process. It gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to the ideals of ancient culture and nurture the values for new genera-

tions," the Lt Governor said. He said tournaments like KPPL also provide a great platform to the youth to showcase their skills and hone qualities like discipline, determination and teamwork. He assured the necessary support from the administration for the expansion of the Kashmiri Pandit Premier League.

The Lt Governor also reiterated the commitment of

the UT administration to extend handholding and financial assistance to the youth of Kashmiri Pandit community, displaced persons of POJK and West Pakistan Refugees.

Anil Bhat, President, Lalitaditya Sports, Education and Health Organization informed that a total of 21 teams including Men, Women and Junior teams are participating in

the tournament. Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr. Arvind Karwani, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) J&K; former senior officials of UT and Police Administrations, prominent citizens, sportspersons and members of Lalitaditya Sports, Education and Health Organization were present.

## SRCC hosts engaging workshop for aspiring IAS, JKAS candidates

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JAMMU: The SR College of Competitions (SRCC) on Sunday hosted an engaging workshop aimed at aspiring IAS and JKAS candidates in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Led by Suchiter Sharma, a former SR College student who successfully cleared the UPSC examination, the session provided invaluable insights into the journey towards civil services.

Suchiter recounted his own path, from initial interest to triumph, highlighting the support he received from SR College.

Topics ranged from exam syllabi and study materials to effective strategies for tackling different sections, including current affairs, exam patterns, and the nuances of Prelims and Mains.

Participants gained practical advice on handling pre-



Suchiter Sharma addressing IAS, JKAS aspirants at SRCC.

vious years' papers, CSAT, essays, and the ethics section.

Suchiter stressed the significance of coaching, test series participation, and consistent answer writing practice.

Drawing from his personal experience with the UPSC interview, Suchiter inspired confidence among attendees. The workshop gar-

nered enthusiastic feedback, underscoring SR College's commitment to fostering such enriching interactions.

Looking ahead, SR College aims to continue organizing similar workshops and has introduced comprehensive test series to further aid aspirants in their preparation for JKAS and UPSC examinations.

## SBSWA organises 6 km Half Marathon 'Run Against Drugs' Sham spearheads anti-drug crusade: uniting society, empowering parents, educating youth for lasting impact

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MISHRIWALA: Shaheed Bhagat Singh Welfare Association, Mishriwala, on Sunday organised a 6 km half marathon under the theme "Run Against Drugs".

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and was flagged off by guests, Sham Lal Sharma, State Vice President, BJP, Jammu Kashmir, and Brijesh Kumar Sharma, SP Rural Jammu.

The marathon concluded with a prize distribution ceremony to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of winners and runners-up.

In girls section, Rimpy Devi emerged as winner while Shandhad Bano and Anjali Rajput remained as runner-ups.

In boys 13-30 yrs, Ritik Sharma declared winner and Balwinder Sharma and Vishal Sharma as runner-ups; 30-45 yrs, Ajay



Vice President J&K BJP, Sham Lal Sharma with officials and winners at prize distribution ceremony.

Kumar, winner while Tarsem and Manish Sharma, runner-ups.

In Senior 45 to 60 yrs, Makhan Lal was emerged as winner and Surjeet Singh and Garu Ram as runner-ups;

In Senior citizen 60 and above, Capt Ashok Kumar (65 yrs) remained winner and Mohan Lal (69 yrs) and Capt Prem Singh (56 yrs) declared runner-ups.

Sham Lal Sharma, while addressed the audience, emphasized the severity of the drug problem and offer-

ing solutions to keep society, especially the youth, safe from its clutches.

He commended the association for their initiative in organizing such a significant event.

In his compelling address, Sham Lal Sharma, not only shed light on the gravity of the drug menace but also underscored the pivotal roles that society, parents, and education play in curbing this peril.

Recognizing the interconnectedness of these elements, he emphasized the

need for a collaborative effort to build a shield against the perils of substance abuse.

Sharma urged society to stand united against the drug menace, advocating for a collective responsibility to safeguard the well-being of future generations. Highlighting the crucial role of parents, he also urged them to actively engage in open conversations with their children.

Sharma stressed the significance of incorporating anti-drug education into school curriculums, ensuring that young minds are equipped with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions.

Moreover, he urged community leaders, educational institutions, and parents alike to actively participate in such awareness campaigns.

SP Rural Jammu also shared his insights on the drug issue and highlighted the importance of community involvement in combating this societal challenge.

His words resonated with the participants, encouraging them to take an active role in creating a drug-free environment.

Sham Lal Sharma expressed gratitude to Kulwant Manhas, Gureharan Singh, Vikram Singh, Amarjit Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Rampal Balgotra, Shubam, Harpreet Singh, Gandeep Jasrotia, Rakesh Singh, Vijay Sharma and Ankit Sharma and other members of the Association for a well-organized event that brought together people from various age groups, promoting a collective effort against the drug menace.

## Manchowa Club lifts Srinagar Volleyball title

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SRINAGAR: Beating Khanmoh Volleyball Club 3-2 (25-18, 29-27, 21-25, 22-25, 15-11) in the final, Manchowa Club lifted the District Srinagar Volleyball Championship the final of which played at NDM ground, Balhama, here on Sunday.

Peer Zahid, JKAS officer was Chief Guest in the final, who presented the

title trophies and other individual prizes amidst appreciation for the district volleyball association.

Earlier, in the semifinals, decided today, Manchowa Volleyball Club beat Balhama Volleyball Club 3-0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-20) and Khanmoh Volleyball Club beat Tailbal Spatans Club 3-1 (21-25, 25-21, 25-18, 25-21).



Winner Manchowa Club after receiving trophy.

## Sidhant-son of soil qualifies for National Equestrian Championship-2024

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JAMMU: Son of the soil-Sidhant Randhawa has brought laurels to the Jammu and Kashmir by qualifying for the National Equestrian Championship-2024.

The National Equestrian Championship, a prestigious event in the world of horse riding, showcases the talent and skills of riders and their equine partners from across the country.

This championship serves as a platform for equestrian enthusiasts to compete in various disciplines such as show jumping, dressage, eventing, and endurance riding.

Sidhant Randhawa was rigorously training himself and his horse since eight years and said is enthusiast to bring national championship home. The championship not only highlights the athleticism and coordination of both horse and rider but also underscores the importance of discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship.

Sidhant Randhawa has the distinction to participate and won the International Equestrian Championship held last year at Navalgarh in Rajasthan which he participated as a rider from Haryana.

Presently, he is participating in the Championship representing Sagar Equestrian Sports Academy, Rajasthan and has qualified for 60 kilometers ride and the event will take place next month in Jaipur itself.

There were around 106 participants in the



qualifying game which include rider and horses of 61 Cavalry of Indian Army, Riders and Horses of Chandigarh Police, Riders and Horses of Rajasthan Police and Rider from different Clubs across India.

Lt. Col Bharat Singh, Abdul Aziz, Nirav Patel, Gourav Joshi were the committee members.

Riders with their horses who qualified 40 km were congratulated and will further compete in National Equestrian Championship 60 km, to be held on 2nd & 3rd March 2024 at Jaipur.

Kamal Randhawa-father of Sidhant said that he was inclined towards horses since his childhood and slowly it become his passion to which he is now pursuing with full dedication.

## J&K Police to host 23rd All India Police Water Sports Championship

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SRINAGAR: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Armed, J&K, Vijay Kumar on Sunday chaired a preparatory meeting of officers here to review the arrangements for 23rd All India Police Water Sports Championship 2023-24 being hosted by Jammu & Kashmir Police at Dal Lake Back Lawn of SKICC Srinagar from March 2 to 8, 2024.

During the meeting, the ADGP took the stock of all the arrangements and preparations made by the different committees in connection with smooth and successful conduct of the event.

A total of 28 teams of different central and State Police organization including 22 men and six women teams comprising 30 players each from across the Country are expected to participate in this



ADGP Armed J&K, Vijay Kumar chairing a meeting.

Championship, ADGP said.

More than 800 athletes from across the Country will prove their mettle in the mega event in Canoeing, Kayaking and Rowing, ADGP said adding that the teams will be distributed into groups by way of drawing lots during a meeting with the managers and other technical officials of the March 2.

The meeting focused on ensuring seamless organization and safety protocols besides, aimed to ensure a

properly to make this event a grand success. Furthermore, the arrangements for sightseeing in different places were also discussed.

During the meeting, the ADGP discussed in threadbare the responsibilities that have been entrusted to various committees set up for the smooth conduct of the event. Elaborate arrangements in terms of security, traffic management, transportation & accommodation for the participants were also discussed during the meeting.

Moreover, the availability of critical care ambulances with necessary equipment & doctors was also discussed. Besides, officers were also directed by the chair to ensure police bandobast in and around the venue for the safety of participants.

He further directed the officers to keep a strict vigil on anti-national elements to

avoid any untoward incident during the Championship.

Earlier, Kuldeep Handoo-DySP (Sports) APHQ apprised about all the arrangements assigned to different officers for the smooth and successful conduct of the event.

The Kashmir/ Jammu based officers who attended the meeting include Vidhi Kumar Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Shahid Mehraj, DIG AP Kashmir; Abdul Qayoom, DIG IR Kashmir; Rajiv Omprakash Pande, DIG CKR; Azhar Bashir, Dr. Khalid Parveiz, Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Srinagar; SSP APCR Kashmir; Suhail Mir-SSP; Tanveer Jeelani-SSP; Muzaffar Ah. Shah-SSP; Commandants & Dy. Commandants of Kashmir based battalions/ border battalions, Fayaz Yaseen, SP Telecom Kashmir; Farooq Ahmad Mir, Farhat Jeelani-SP; Sr. P.O PTS Manigam.

## Ranji Trophy: Vanshaj creates history, takes 10 wkts on debut; J&K emerges victorious

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PONDICHERY: Spinning sensation Vanshaj Sharma created history and became the first bowler for J&K to claim a match haul of 10 wickets on debut, probably the best bowling figures on debut by any Indian in Ranji Trophy at the domestic circuit, while another left-arm spinner Abid Mushtaq bowled equally well to capture 10 wickets in the match, thus guiding Jammu and Kashmir to emphatic victory over Pondicherry in a low scoring Ranji Trophy Group-D match at Siechem Cricket Stadium, Pondicherry on Sunday.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 35/7, Pondicherry began well early in the morning to take the score to 56/7 before Vanshaj did the trick and bundled out the whole side for 67 runs, thus guiding Jammu and Kashmir to emphatic 19-run win.

Chasing a paltry total of 87 runs, Pondicherry struggled



J&K team in jubilant mood after winning the match.

on day-2 and lost 7 wickets at a trot.

Skipper Rohit D (17) was the only batter to cross the double figure mark.

For J&K, history creator Vanshaj Sharma and Abid Mushtaq were the wreckers-in-chief, who both had a match haul of 10 wickets each.

The Sub Committee Members of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration; Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA and Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs JKCA

congratulated the team along with Support Staff for this big win.

BRIEF SCORES: J&K 1st Innings 106/10 Fazil Rashid (27), Shubham Singh Pundir (21) Sidak Singh 5/39

Pondicherry 1st Innings 172/10 Paras Dogra (58) Karthick (50) Abid Mushtaq 5/64 Vanshaj Sharma 5/74

J&K 2nd Innings 152/10 Fazil Rashid (36) Shubham Singh Pundir (30) Rohit D 4/46

Pondicherry 2nd Innings 67/10 Rohit D (19) Vanshaj Sharma 5/16 Abid Mushtaq 5/28.

## J&K Ju-Jitsu C'ship concludes



Participating players posing with officials at prize distribution ceremony.

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JAMMU: The two-days long 8th J&K UT Ju-Jitsu Championship concluded on Sunday showcasing the skills and talent of young martial arts trainees J&K at Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here.

The event was organised by Ju-Jitsu Association of J&K involving participants from different districts and

clubs, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

In the valedictory function, social activist, Tarun Uppal was Chief Guest, who along with Neeta Rawal, Principal Army Public School BD Bari, Manjeet Singh, chairman, K a l a r i p p a y a t t u Association of J&K and Gul-e-Surkhah were

Guests of Honour.

Suraj Bhan Singh, chief coach and incharge manager of the J&K Sports Council was observer. Among other prominent present were Dr. Navneet Gupta, Tarsem Sharma, Arshad Aziz, Amit Singh, Danish Sharma, Farooq Ahmed, Muzaffar Ahmed, Harsh Vardhan and Rudrakshit Gupta.

## JKPS Kathua clinches 24 medals in Sahodaya Inter School Skating Competition



JKPS Kathua team receiving runner-up trophy.

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KATHUA: Every fight is a must win because we are winners. These words epitomize the spirit of the young star skaters who participated in the Sahodaya Inter School Skating Competition held

on February 10. The competition which welcomed students, aged 8 to 16 and above, witnessed remarkable achievements by talented students.

In this fierce skating arena, JK Public School, Kathua clinched 24

medals in the Quads & Inline category, conquering 500 and 300 meters of the track under the guidance of Hamit (Skate Instructor), Gulshan (Sports Incharge) and Arun (HOD Sports).

The dedication and effort put forth by these enthusiasts exemplify their commitment to excellence by clinching Runner-up trophy. Principal of the School, Dr MK Bhan and Director, Sankalp extended their heartfelt congratulations to all the participants and winners who have made them proud by demonstrating the School's ethos of perseverance, dedication and winning spirit.