

1st Sikh Cricket Premier League

Kawal Preet, Vernpal guide Dashmesh Club, Hari Singh Nalwa CC to resounding victories

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JAMMU: Power-packed half-centuries by Kawal Preet Singh and Vernpal Singh guided Dashmesh Cricket Club and Hari Singh Nalwa Cricket Club to resounding victories over their rivals to stay alive in the ongoing 1st Sikh Premier Cricket League, being organised by HSNCC under the banner of Sikh Coordination Committee Jammu and Kashmir at University of Jammu grounds here.

Earlier, in the first match, Dashmesh Cricket Club defeated Preet Nagar Cricket Club by 43 runs in an easy contest.

Batting first, Dashmesh Cricket Club scored a big total of 189 runs in 20 overs losing 6 wickets in the process. Kawal Preet Singh top scored with 69 runs off 35 balls studded with 6 fours and 4 sixes, while Chamkor Singh scored brisk 40 runs off just 18 balls with 7 fours and one six. Skipper Gurminder Singh contributed



A player receiving Man of the Match award.

25 runs to the total. For Preet Nagar United, Gursimran Singh and Amit Pal Singh took 2 wickets each. In reply, Preet Nagar United scored 146 runs in 20 overs, thus losing the match by 43 runs.

Gursimran Singh played a brilliant innings of 57 runs off 43 balls studded with 8 fours and one six, while Daman Preet Singh contributed 38 off 28 balls with 2 fours and one six. For Dashmesh Club, Gunny was

the pick of the bowlers who took 4 wickets by conceding just 9 runs in his 4 overs, while Kawal Preet Singh and Gurminder Singh bagged 2 wickets each. For his fabulous batting display Kawal Preet was declared as the player of the match.

In another match of the day, Hari Singh Nalwa Cricket Club defeated Trikuta Cricket Club by 4 wickets.

Chasing a big target of 185 runs, Hari Singh Nalwa

Cricket Club rode on a splendid batting display by Vernpal Singh and reached it in 18.4 overs by losing 6 wickets to win the match by 4 wickets. Vernpal top scored with 65 runs off 37 balls studded with 4 fours and 5 sixes, while Amit Pal Singh and Rakinder Singh contributed 36 and 34* runs to the total respectively.

Gagan took 2 wickets for Trikuta Cricket Club, while Sarabjeet Singh, Aman and Sarabjeet Brar claimed one wicket each. Earlier, batting first, Trikuta Cricket Club scored a good total of 184/5 in 20 overs. Ammy Singh played a magnificent knock of 90 runs off 48 balls studded with 13 fours and 3 sixes, while Amit Singh and Tani contributed 28 and 25 runs to the total respectively.

Gurdeep Singh took 2 wickets for Hari Singh Nalwa Cricket Club, while Tegvansh and Kavi claimed one wicket each. Vernpal Singh was adjudged as the player of the match for his superb batting

display.

The player of the match awardes were presented trophies and cheques by the dignitaries including Visheshpaul Mahajan, Transport Commissioner; Pankaj Bhagora, RTO Jammu; Faisal Qureshi SSP and Kameshwar Puri SSP.

The tournament is being organised under the overall supervision of Sh Ajit Singh, Chairman Sikh Coordination Committee Jammu and Kashmir, while the matches are being officiated by a panel of experts drawn from the Department of Youth Services and Sports including Suresh Singh, Jagtar Singh, Satpal Singh, Venus, Gurminder Singh (all Umpires) and Rajesh Dhar (Match Referee).

Tomorrow's Fixture

Quarter Final: Janta Warriors Vs Dashmesh Cricket Club (9:30 am)

1st Semi-Final: Vennu Cricket Club Tral Vs Hari Singh Nalwa Cricket Club (1:00 pm)

KCPS teachers get certified as Counsellors



KCPS teachers posing with dignitaries after receiving certificates.

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JAMMU: KC Public School hosted a Certification Ceremony to celebrate the successful completion of the Basic Counselling Skills program by its teachers. The event emphasized KCPS's unwavering commitment to nurturing the psychological well-being of its students and creating a safe and supportive learning environment.

The certificates were presented to the teachers by the principal of the school, Amarendra Kumar Mishra, in the presence of Saloni Priya. Salony Priya, Director, Ummed Counselling and consulting Services, Kolkata, a counselling psychologist with over 25 years of experience in the field who mentored the teachers during the course. This comprehensive program ran for six months and

equipped the teachers with essential skills and knowledge to provide effective counselling and support to students facing personal, emotional, or academic challenges.

Attended by faculty members ,KCPS's Certification Ceremony was a moment of pride and recognition for the teachers who completed the rigorous training.

The Basic Counselling Skills program, a first-of-its-kind initiative by KCPS, focused on empowering teachers to effectively identify and address various issues that students may encounter during their academic journey. Understanding the significance of emotional intelligence and mental health amidst the evolving education landscape, KCPS firmly believes that qualified and empathetic teachers play a pivotal role in shaping students'

lives beyond the classroom.

Salony Priya, while addressing the audience expressed her heartfelt appreciation and lauded the efforts of each participant teachers for their hard work in understanding the program well and their resolve in showing unwavering commitment towards student well-being. She emphasized that by holding such training sessions KCPS has set a benchmark in creating a team to look after the emotional well-being, trust, comfort, and emotional intelligence of its students.

Anarendra Mishra, the Principal of the school, highlighted the importance of having a collaborative approach towards creating a safe and nurturing environment where students feel supported and understood, enabling them to thrive academically and emotionally.

Team Shaheed emerges champion in Pir Panjal Girls Volleyball Tournament



Army officer presenting trophy to winner girls team.

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POONCH: The Pir Panjal Volleyball Tournament reached an electrifying conclusion as Team Shaheed emerged victorious in a gripping final against Government Higher

Secondary School Surankote.

The tournament, which commenced on February 15, witnessed intense competition, with numerous teams displaying remarkable skill and determination.

The grand finale was a spectacle of talent, teamwork, and resilience, with both teams showcasing exceptional performances.

The atmosphere was electric, with an enthusiastic crowd cheering for their favorite players. Despite a strong fight from Government Higher Secondary School Surankote, Team Shaheed held their ground and secured the championship title with a stellar display of skill and perseverance.

The tournament concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where the Champion Team, Runners-up, Best Player, and other outstanding performers were honored for their contributions to the game.

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JAMMU: J&K Senior Softball team has been selected after Screening by the Screening Committee of Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council headed by Divisional Sports Officer Jammu, Baljinder Pal Singh and other members of Screening Committee at New Indoor Sports Complex, M A Stadium, Jammu on Wednesday. J&K Sports Council started 21 days Residential Coaching Camp from January 30 to February 19 at J&K Sports Council facility at Football Ground, Government Gandhi Memorial Science College, Jammu. Padam Dev Singh has appointed as Overall team Incharge, Harvinder Singh appointed as J&K Men team Coach, Madan Mohan & Javed Ahmad has been appointed as Coaches for J&K Women team while as Ms.



Gulshan Begum has been appointed as Manager for J&K Women team. Waaseem Raja Khan General Secretary J&K Softball Association applauded the tremendous support by Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council for providing extraordinary facilities to Athletes and Coaches during

the Residential Coaching camp which will be definitely fruitful for modern skills and team combination. The 46th Edition of Senior National Softball Championship is scheduled to be held at Amravati, Maharashtra from February 22 to 26.

MEN TEAM: Ajay Singh, Jasbir Singh, Ayush Jamwal, Anmol Singh, Sagar Chib, Pardeep Singh, Jaskaran Singh,

Parshant Singh, Usman Bilal, Faizan Bashir, Ansh Goswami, Azan Ul Haq, Fazil Ahmad, Mohd Hussain, Sarbjeet Singh & Nadeem Hussain

WOMEN TEAM: Shaista Ali, Harleen Kour, Safura Altaf, Lavanya Jamwal, Muneera Hassan, Muskan Devi, Rahee Hilal, Rashi, Areesa, Afnan Fayaz, Shaheena, Shaista Nabi, Nusaiba, Misbah, Farhana

& Nidhi The 46th Senior National Softball championship is being organized by Maharashtra Softball Association under the aegis of Softball Association of India. The J&K UT Senior team is participating in the championship under the banner of J&K Sports Council & J&K Softball Association and the team is being sponsored by Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council.

VC JU lays foundation for High Mast HID Lights at University's Cricket Stadium

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JAMMU: In a major boost to sports infrastructure at the University of Jammu, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai on Wednesday laid the foundation for the installation of High Mast HID Lights at the Cricket Stadium, Main Campus. With an approved budget of Rs 305 lakhs, the project aims to modernize the stadium, facilitating day-night matches and extended training hours, while reinforcing the University's commitment to sports excellence.

Prof. Rai emphasized the University's commitment to equipping students with world-class sports infra-



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai laying foundation for the installation of High Mast HID Lights at the Cricket Stadium.

structure. He remarked, "This facility will not only benefit our students but also establish the University Cricket Stadium as a premier venue for high-profile

tournaments, encouraging a stronger sports culture on campus".

During his visit, Prof. Rai also inspected the ongoing construction of the state-of-

the-art 10-metre shooting range, which is set to become a premier facility for aspiring shooters. The project is expected to be completed by the end of this year, adding another feather to the University's growing sports infrastructure.

Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development, applauded the initiative as a significant milestone in the University's efforts to elevate sports at both regional and national levels.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Sports and Physical Education, highlighted the project's transformative impact. "This facility will not only enhance

training opportunities for our students but will also place the University of Jammu among the top institutions with world-class sports infrastructure," he stated. The project is expected to be completed within six months, paving the way for the stadium to emerge as a premier venue for national and inter-university tournaments.

The ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including Prof. Rajiv Rattan, Director CDC, Dr. Jatinder Khajuria, Finance Officer, Xen, Akash Bhola AEE ; Vimal Kishore, Irfan Goni, Dr. Vijay Saigal, along with sports coaches and staff.

Manjushree, Presentation Convent School celebrates Annual Day

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JAMMU: The much awaited Annual Day of Manjushree students at Presentation Convent Sr. Sec. School, Gandhi Nagar, centred around the theme 'Canvas of Dreams', was celebrated amidst mirth and cheer on 19 February 2025.

Geetanjali Mahajan, an alumna of the School and a distinguished educationist, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The event was attended by Sr. Miriam, the School Manager, Sr. Amelina Rodrigues, the Principal, esteemed members of the Management and parents.

The event was a vibrant display of talent, creativity and exuberance. The young performers lit up the stage with their synchronized and energetic performances. The audience was captivated by a variety of performances including Friendship and Flower Dance, Rajasthani Dance, Dogri Dance and a Zumba performance. A thought-provoking skit on Rainbow Fairies, highlighting the power of unity in overcoming challenges, was also staged. Through the Five Elements Dance the students honoured air, water, earth, fire and sky, thus, delivering a powerful message on environmental conservation. The school auditorium resonated with applause as all witnessed their children perform with confidence and enthusiasm. The highlight of the event was the Prize Distribution Ceremony where students were awarded certificates and medals in recognition of their excellence in academics and co-scholastic activities.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest, Geetanjali Mahajan lauded the School's commitment to holistic education nurturing both, intellect and creativity in young minds.



GDC Samba hosts Intra-District Volleyball Tournament



Principal GDC Samba, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri interacting with players.

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SAMBA: A two days Intra-District Volleyball Tournament was organised at SPPND GDC Samba. The event was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the College as Chief Guest.

The welcome address was given by Dr. Pankaj Bandhoria, Convener, Sports Board, GDC Samba.

The participating colleges included GDC Samba, GDC Vijaypur, GDC

Ramgarh and GDC Ghagwal.

The Tournament commenced with an exciting match between GDC Samba and GDC Ghagwal followed by second match between GDC Vijaypur and GDC Ramgarh. The matches ended with a decisive 2-0 victory for GDC Samba and GDC Ramgarh. The Principal congratulated the winning teams for their exceptional performance and exhorted that the sports tourney is an initia-

tive to encourage teamwork, discipline and a self-confidence thereby channelizing the energy of our young students towards fostering physical fitness and mental well-being.

Assoc. Prof. Narayan Dutt, HOD Physics and Dr. Banpreet Kour, IQAC Coordinator were also present on the occasion. The whole event was coordinated by Prof. Meenakshi Thakur, Co-Convener Sports Board and Pradeep, PTL.

Hazratbal XI wins T-10 Cosco Cricket Tournament



Police officers with organizers at cricket tournament closing ceremony.

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SRINAGAR: The T-10 Cosco Cricket Tournament, organised by Srinagar Police under the aegis of Civic Action Programme 2024-25, concluded at GVEI Gound Illahi Bagh, Srinagar.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various teams across Hazratbal Zone and drew a large crowd of local spectators.

Fardeen Hussain International Gold Medallist Powerlifting and Mehraj Ranji trophy Cricket player graced the

occasion as Chief Guests.

SP Hazratbal City Srinagar, SDPO Zakura, SDPO Zadibal and officers of Hazratbal zone were also present. Prominent members of media fraternity, trade associations, Intizamia Committees, were also present at the final ceremony.

The final match was played between Hazratbal XI and Batpora XI, with Hazratbal XI emerging as the champions. The winning and runner-up teams, along with outstanding players, were awarded cash prizes, trophies, cer-

tificates of participation, cricket bats, and other sports accessories.

Speaking on the occasion, SP City Zone Hazratbal emphasized that J&K Police is committed to engaging with youth through sports activities as a constructive initiative to steer them away from drug abuse.

The event received widespread appreciation from the local community, particularly the youth, who hailed the efforts of the police in promoting positive and healthy engagements in Hazratbal area.

Senior Wrestling Championship at JU on Feb 23

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JAMMU: The Wrestling Association of Jammu and Kashmir (WAJK) shall hold 32nd Senior Men and 18th Women J&K UT Wrestling Championship at Gymnasium Hall of University of Jammu, here on February 23.

As per the official hand-out, J&K Minister for Sports, Satish Sharma shall declare open the championship while Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to

the CM of J&K shall also attend the opening function.

The winners of each weight category shall later represent J&K in upcoming Federation Cup which is scheduled to be held at LPU Punjab on March eight and March nine, the handout mentioned.

The championship will be held in collaboration with the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU under the

auspices of Wrestling Federation of India, J&K Olympic Association and J&K Sports Council.

All the wrestlers of J&K have been asked to report at the venue along with a photocopy of Aadhar card. The weight and verification of the wrestlers will be done between 7 am and 9 am on the completion day i.e February 23.

No wrestler will be allowed to take part in the competition after 9 am, said the handout.