

1st Sikh Premier Cricket League

Let sports be domain of sportspersons only: Satish

VCC Tral storms into finals; Dashmesh Club to take on Khalsa in semis

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JAMMU: Getting the better of hosts Hari Singh Nalwa Cricket Club in a close contest by a narrow margin of 6 runs in the semifinals, Venu Cricket Club (VCC)Tral sealed the berth in the finals, while Dashmesh Club outplayed Janta Warriors Cricket Club in an easy contest in the Quarter-Finals to meet Khalsa Cricket Club in the second semifinals of the ongoing 1st Sikh Premier Cricket League at University of Jammu grounds here. Minister for Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Satish Sharma inaugurated today's matches by playing a few balls and tossing the coin.

The other dignitaries who graced the occasion included Director Physical Education and Sports University of Jammu, Daud Iqbal Baba; SP North Vivek Shekhar and SSP Headquarter , Irshad Hussain Rather.

10 teams drawn from across the Union Territory are taking part in this prestigious event,



Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma being honoured by the organisers.

which is being organized by Hari Singh Nalwa Cricket Club, under the auspices of All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee.

Earlier, in the semifinals, batting first, VCC Tral scored a modest total of 135 runs. Gurmeet Singh top scored with 51 runs off 48 balls studded with 5 fours and one six while Sunit contributed brisk 39 runs off 20 balls with 3 fours and 2 sixes. For Hari Singh Nalwa CC, Maninder and Kamalpreet took 2 wickets each, while skipper Kavi, Tegvansh and Gurdeep took

one wicket each. In reply, Hari Singh Nalwa CC managed to score 129 runs in 20 overs to lose the match by 6 runs. Vernpal Singh (26) and Amit Pal (21) were the main contributors. Kavi, Maninder and Rakinder contributed 14, 13 and 12 runs respectively. For VCC Tral, Satbeer Singh, Sahil Singh and Sunny claimed 2 wickets each. Gurmeet was declared as the player of the match. Earlier, in the Quarter-Finals, Dashmesh Club defeated Janta Warriors by 61 runs. Batting first, Dashmesh Club scored a good total of 170 runs.

Chamkor Singh top scored with 61 runs off 36 balls, studded with 7 fours and 2 sixes, while Kawal Preet contributed 39 runs with 2 massive sixes.

Manpreet Singh took 3 wickets for Janta Warriors while Hardeep bagged 2 wickets.

In reply, Janta Warriors bundled out for 109 runs, thus losing the match by a big margin of 61 runs. Navjot Singh (35) and Babneet Singh (23) were the main contributors.

For Dashmesh Cricket Club, Kulvinder Singh captured 3 wickets by conceding 12 runs in 3 overs, while Chamkor Singh bagged 2 wickets by giving away 12 runs in his 2 overs. Chamkor Singh was declared as the player of the match for his all-round show.

While addressing media persons, Satish Sharma said let sports be the domain of sportspersons only.

He said only sportspersons should run the sports associations and organisations to yield better results.

Emphasising Government's

commitment to promoting genuine sports talent while ensuring that no individual or group would be allowed to politicize sports, the Sports Minister assured that only deserving athletes would be supported, and those who have misused sports bodies for personal gain would be shown the door.

Extending his gratitude to the organisers, Sharma also highlighted the broader benefits of sports, stating that it is essential in shaping well-rounded individuals, keeping the youth engaged, and diverting them from the negative effects of excessive mobile use and sedentary lifestyles.

The Sports Minister also batted for the upliftment of women in sports and other fields.

In his welcome address, Chairman All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee, Ajit Singh said the objective of the tournament is to involve more and more youth in sports and allied activities to defeat drug culture and help them not to derail from the mainstream.

10th J&K UT Handball Championship begins



Organisers along with players posing for photograph.

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JAMMU: The 3-day 10th J&K UT Handball Championship began on Friday at Playing field Shastri Nager Jammu for senior men and women sections.

The championship is being organized by J&K Handball Association in collaboration with J&K State Sports Council.

Arun Manhas Director Industries and Commerce Jammu was the Chief Guest in the opening ceremony, while Bajinder Pal Singh Divisional Sports officer Jammu was the Guest of Honour.

In his address, the chief guest stressed upon the players to concentrate on honing their skills and

maintaining high physical standards to achieve big.

He congratulated the J&K Handball Association's office bearers for organizing the championship. Around 300 players from the different districts of the UT are participating in the tournament.

Earlier, the organizing secretary of the championship, Ashwani Kumar Raina welcomed the guests, players, officials, spectators and media persons.

The first match in the men's section was played between District Poonch and District Baramulla in which Baramulla won by 16-15 goals. The 2nd match in the men's section

was played between District Jammu & District Udhampur in which District Jammu defeated Udhampur by 27-22 goals. The 3rd match in the men's section was played between District Budgam and District Ramban in which Budgam defeated Ramban by 9-5 goals. In another match of the women's section, District Barmulla defeated Bandipora by 7-3 goals.

Among others who were present on the occasion were Ashwani Kumar Raina President JKHA, Rajesh Chandan General Secretary JKHA, Sanjeev Jamwal Treasurer JKHA, and Rajesh Kapoor Vice President JKHA.

International Mother Language Day celebrated at GCW Parade

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JAMMU: Government College for Women (GCW) Parade Ground, celebrated International Mother Language Day with great enthusiasm to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and encourage multilingualism.

The event was organized by the College Literary Club in collaboration with the Department of Home Science.

The celebrations included a series of vibrant activities that highlighted the richness of local languages and traditions.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Arti Devi (HoD Dogri) followed by the soulful singing of folksongs, poetry recitation and captivating folk dance performances on local language songs.

A variety of engaging games and quizzes related to local languages were also conducted, drawing enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members alike.

Adding a unique cultural flavor to the occasion, the event extended to a special sale of traditional Dogri



and Kashmiri cuisine items by students of Home Science Department under the guidance of Dr. Nitu Sharma (HoD), allowing attendees to experience the culinary heritage of the region.

The Principal of GCW Parade Dr. Ravender Tickoo lauded the efforts of the organizing team and emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting mother languages.

Dr. Ritu Magotra, Convenor Literary Club, highlighted how such initiatives foster a sense of pride and belonging among students and contribute to the rich cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Club members included Dr.

Seema Malpotra, Dr. Arti Devi, Dr. Parveen, Dr. Randheer Kour, Prof. Irshad Hussain, Dr. Mamta, Prof. Archana Dubey, Prof. Anuradha Kalsi, Dr. Sukriti Sharma, Dr. Jaivardhan and Dr. Shujat Khan were instrumental in organizing the event.

The event instilled a deeper appreciation for linguistic diversity and traditional art forms among attendees, reinforcing the significance of International Mother Language Day in celebrating and safeguarding the world's linguistic heritage. It concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Parveen (Hindi Department).

GDC Kunjwani organises motivational lecture on empowering minds through power of mother tongue

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JAMMU: Govt. Degree College Kunjwani/Sainik Colony organized a motivational lecture on empowering Minds Through the Power of Mother Tongue and Creative Expression on Friday. The event was organized under the aegis of Shikshit Bharat by the department of Punjabi under the able guidance and coordination of Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Sarup Kohli, Principal of the College.

Dr. Randheer Kour, Assistant Professor, GCW Parade Ground, Jammu delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking lecture on the vital role of our mother tongue in fostering creativity and self-expression and added that Language is not just a tool for communication, but a bridge to our inner-



Faculty members along with students during the event.

most thoughts and emotions. When we connect with our roots and embrace our mother tongue, we unlock boundless creative potential. Further, she said that this lecture aims to ignite a sense of pride in our native languages and inspire others to explore the power of creative expression in their own lives. Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Sarup Kohli said that this motivational lecture will delve into how the preservation and use of ones native language can sig-

nificantly enhance creative abilities, while helping individuals tap into their true potential. The talk will explore the relationship between language, identity, and creativity, offering insights on how embracing one's mother tongue can inspire artistic expression in various forms, including literature, music, visual arts and beyond.

The lecture was followed by a question-answer session where attendees got the opportunity to engage with the speaker, share

their experiences and discuss ways in which they can nurture their creative talents through their native languages.

The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Risha Kumari and vote of thanks was presented by Bhupinder Kour.

The whole event was organized by Prof. Risha Kumari, HOD, Punjabi. The organizing committee of the event includes Prof. Baljinder Kour, Dr. Rohini Jamwal, Dr. Rannik Kour and Bhupinder Kour.

Pir Panjal Volleyball Tournament concludes with Thrilling Boys' Final



Organisers along with winning team posing for photograph.

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POONCH: The Pir Panjal Volleyball Tournament reached an electrifying conclusion as Team Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh volleyball emerged victorious in a gripping final against Habib Club B Surankote. The tournament, which commenced on February 15, witnessed intense competition, with 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 Habib Club B Surankote, Team

Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Volleyball Club boys 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 honoured for their contributions to the game.

As a part of the Pir Panjal Winter Festival, the volleyball tournament exemplified the spirit of youth and the Indian Army, bringing together passion, discipline, and sportsmanship on a single platform. The festival continues to reinforce the unifying power of sports, fostering teamwork, resilience, and camaraderie among young athletes.

Jesus Cares Convent School, Jammu celebrates Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony

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JAMMU: The starting point of all achievement is desire. If one has the desire to succeed, one surely will. Keeping it in mind and to boost the morale of the students, Jesus Cares Convent School, Jammu celebrated its Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on Friday, 21, February, 2025 in the school premises.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Devyani Rana, as the Chief Guest and Sunita Balgotra, as the Honourable Guest.

The ceremony commenced with a prayer song and the welcome speech delivered by Marina Marvin. The event was followed by an engaging cultural program where students from Pre-Primary Wing and Primary Wing showcased their talents. This year, the event was centered around the theme of "Highlighting the Importance of Lost Moral Values, Culture, and the Role of Fathers While Reviving Old Melodies."

The highlight of the event was the prize distribution, where meritorious students were awarded for their exceptional achievements in academics and co-curricular activities.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the distinguished guests and teachers for their continuous support and encouragement.



Vishwa Bharati bids farewell to Class 12th students



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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School Akalpur Morh, Jammu held a heart-warming farewell ceremony for the students of class 12th. The event filled with nostalgia, joy and touch of melancholy, celebrated the students' accomplishments and marked the beginning of their new journeys. The farewell organised by the students of class 11th was a vibrant affair.

The school auditorium was adorned with decorations reflecting the journey of passing out students of class 12th through Vishwa Bharati.

The programme included cultural performances, speeches by students and faculty, and the presentation of mementos.

School Principal Annapurna Koul admired the students for their contribution to school and gave

them blessings for their bright future.

Vice Principal Sammer Bhat also showered his blessings on the students for their future course of life and success.

The students reminisced about their time at Vishwa Bharati, sharing anecdotes and expressing gratitude to their teachers and mentors.

Many spoke of the strong bonds they had formed and the lessons they had learned, both inside and outside the classroom.

The students of class 12th were also given tiles Aarush Bhat was given the title of Mr. Farewell whereas Palaksha Bhat achieved the title of Ms. Farewell.

The farewell ceremony concluded with a heartfelt rendition of the school song, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.

AAHGAAZ-Talent Hunt cum Fresher's Party 2025 organised by KC College of Education

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JAMMU: AAHGAAZ - Talent Hunt cum Fresher's Party - 2025 was organized by KC College of Education on Friday in the college premises.

On this occasion the students showcased their talent through wide variety of items which included songs, dances, poetry, shayari, fun-games etc. The programme started with lighting of lamp followed by Saraswati Vandana. A colourful Ramp Walk by the students of semester - I was



Faculty members along with students during the event.

the highlight of the day.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo, Principal

of the college, appreciated the students for displaying their varied talents in such an

effective manner much to the attraction and entertainment of one and all. Another

attraction of the event was award of suitable titles to the students. Twinkle Parihar and Lokeshwar Singh Jamwal were chosen Miss and Mr. K.C. College of Education respectively whereas Aakarshani & Aarti, Nadia Kundan and Shanli were given the titles Miss Talented, Best Dressed up, Most Confident respectively. Asher and Mansi were the compères while the programme was convened by Rita Jamwal, Convenor Cultural Club.