

# Semis line up drawn in Martyrs Memorial Hockey

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Semifinals line-up has been drawn with three more teams winning in the quarterfinals of the ongoing Martyrs Memorial Hockey Tournament, organised by the J&K Police at K K Hakku Stadium, here today. While Punjab State Power Corporation (PSPC) already in the last four stages, hosts J&K Police, Punjab Police and Shahbad Hockey Academy qualified for the last four stages today. Now, in the semifinals, slated for tomorrow, J&K



Hosts J&K Police team posing with officials at K K Hakku Stadium in Jammu on Thursday.

Police shall meet PSPC at 1 pm while Punjab Police shall be playing against equally good Shahbad Hockey Academy at 3 pm. Earlier, in quarterfinals, decided today, Punjab Police blanked Poonch XI 7-0. Pawandeep Singh was adjudged Man of the Match. In other last eight stages match, J&K Police had a close shave against Jammu South (mixed team of locals and Army

personnel) via penalty shootouts. Earlier, in the stipulated time, the match ended in a 4-4 draw with both sides playing brilliant game to the enjoyment of the selected crowd. Goalkeeper Probjot Singh was adjudged man of the match for his crucial savings in the penalties. Shahbad Hockey Academy won their quarterfinal defeating Baba Shri Chand Ji Hockey Club Sujanpur in a one-sided contest 10-0. Navraj Singh named man of the match.

# DC XI defeats PHE XI by 6-wkt in Kathua cricket match



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: DC XI registered a six-wicket victory over PHE XI in a cricket match played at Sports Stadium Kathua on Thursday. Barring first, PHE XI set a target of 123 runs in 14.5 overs. Rajesh Gupta top-scored with 32 runs while Rahul Singh added 25. Raman delivered a decisive spell for DC XI, taking four wickets to restrict the opposition. DC Rajesh Sharma, Ranjeet Thakur, Amir and Arun took one wicket each. Chasing the target, DC XI secured the win on the back of two strong batting performances. Amit Sharma scored 41 runs off 25 balls with six boundaries, providing early momentum. Rajinder Dagra contributed 45 runs off 41 deliveries, including seven boundaries, to anchor the chase. Vishayjeet Singh remained unbeaten on 11 and Vishav Partap Singh scored 8 to guide DC XI to victory.

## Wrestling trials on February 16

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Wrestling Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold day-long selection trials in under-15 boys and girls at Police Wrestling Hall, Gulshan Ground, here. Those eligible young wrestlers have been advised to report to the selection pen on February 16 at the given venue. The selected wrestlers shall represent J&K in the Under-15 National Wrestling Championship at Salem in Tamil Nadu from February 27 to March one, a handout issued by the Association here today informed. For further queries, wrestlers have been asked to contact Jai Bharat (8899790423), Dheeraj Sharma (9419685822), Ravinder Sharma, Sahil Dagonia and Krishan Singh.

# J&K women's 6-wkt win against table toppers HP



J&K women team posing with officials after winning the match.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir batters played magnificent innings demolishing table-toppers Himachal Pradesh by six wickets in the Senior Women's One-Day Trophy at the Mangaldai Sports Association Stadium on Thursday. As per the reports reaching here, J&K batters hit four half-centuries to make it an easy chase of a big target of 268 runs. After Bismah Hassan, Rudrakshi Chib, and Sandhya Sayal's stellar bowling restricted HP to 267 on a batting-friendly strip, J&K chased the total comfortably in 45.5 overs, losing four wickets. Openers Bawandeep Kaur and Shambhavi Rajput forged a punishing 100-plus stand, while skipper Jasia Akhtar and Rubia Syed added another explosive 100 plus partnership to seal an emphatic win. Rubia Syed top-scored with a blistering 61 off 39 balls (six fours, two sixes), Jasia remained not out on 57 off 29 balls (10 boundaries), Shambhavi crafted a classy 57 off 87 balls (eight fours), and Bawandeep smashed 53 off 73 balls (nine fours).

Chitra Singh Jamwal contributed 28. For HP, Sushmita Kumari, Neena Chaudhary, and Sonal Thakur took one wicket each. Rubia Syed declared player of the match. Earlier, sent in to bat, HP posted 267, powered by Sushma Verma's unbeaten 106 off 112 balls (11 fours, three sixes) and SM Singh's 87 off 96 balls (12 boundaries). Devanshi Verma added 25. Bismah Hassan took three wickets and Rudrakshi Chib claimed. "Two century stands cemented the victory. Well done Rubia, Jasia, Shambhavi, Bawandeep, Bismah, Chitra, and the entire team. You've made us proud. Keep focused," tweeted Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration, JKCA.

# Khelo India Winter Games' second leg from Feb 23 in Gulmarg

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The second leg of the Khelo India Winter Games will be held in Gulmarg from February 23 to 26 and is expected to draw close to 400 competitors, Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced on Thursday. It will continue the sixth edition of the Games after the first leg, featuring ice sports, was held in Ladakh from January 20 to 26. Gulmarg will host the snow competitions and the Indian Army will defend its overall championship title. "The Gulmarg leg is coming at the back of the Winter Olympics and this is the perfect time to host the Khelo India Winter Games," Mandaviya stated in a press release. "We had a very successful first phase in Leh and surely, we will see the same excitement in Jammu and Kashmir as athletes will once again battle with nature and challenging conditions. "In Leh, the addition of figure skating enhanced the competitive intensity, and in Gulmarg, we are expecting some impressive timings on the Kongdoori slopes," he added. Gulmarg will feature four medal disciplines -- Ski Mountaineering, Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing (Cross-Country), and Snowboarding -- with around 400 athletes expected to compete. Alpine Skiing will be drawing the highest participation. At the conclusion of the 2025 season, the Indian Army topped the team standings with 18 medals, while Himachal Pradesh finished second, followed by Ladakh, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu. At the end of the Ladakh leg this year, Haryana led with four gold medals, all won by its figure and ice skaters, followed by Ladakh, Maharashtra, and Telangana.

# J&K Open Men & Women Tennis C'ship 2025-26 gets underway



Er B S Jaggi, Honorary General Secretary J&K Lawn Tennis Association alongwith participants posing for photograph.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The J&K UT Open Men & Women Tennis Championship 2025-26 was inaugurated by Er B S Jaggi, Honorary General Secretary of the J&K Lawn Tennis Association as the opening day witnessed thrilling performances in the UT Open Men's singles and doubles categories. In men's singles, showing commanding traits Aruh Bhanu Khajuria defeated Rutvik Salwan 9-0, Abhinav Sharma overcame Naveen

Upadhyay 9-5, Gurleen Singh beat Kosheen Koul 9-5, Parth Gupta showed edge over Ridham Angral 9-7, while Akhilesh Sharma trounced Ajay Kumar 9-3. Similarly, Dr. Ashish Bali partnering Sanjeev Rometra registered a 9-0 win over Ridham Angral and Vivek Singh in the Men's Doubles. The matches on the day one of the tourney were witnessed by the lawn tennis lovers of Jammu region supporting the game and the sportsmanship of the players as the contests saw enthusiasm and fair play with organizers promising level play field to the participants with impeccable judgments and no prejudice of any sort.

# AIIMS Jammu launches series of sports activities; Matches being live streamed on YouTube

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu on Thursday launched a series of sports activities with the inauguration of multiple games, including Ceremonial Tug of War, Badminton and Cricket, marking the beginning of an extensive sports engagement programme at the Institute. The sports activities were inaugurated by the Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) D. N. Sharma, in the august presence of faculty members, officers and staff of the institute. The initiative aims to promote physical fitness, teamwork and a spirit of healthy competition among the AIIMS Jammu fraternity. A wide range of sports and recreational games are being organized for faculty and staff, fostering inclusivity, camaraderie and overall well-being across the campus. Faculty and administrative teams actively participated



in the inaugural matches, adding to the excitement and enthusiasm of the occasion. The events are being efficiently coordinated by the Sports Committee, AIIMS Jammu, ensuring smooth conduct of all activities. The Security personnel of AIIMS Jammu also played a commendable role in maintaining discipline, safety and decorum during the programme. To ensure wider reach and public engagement, the matches are also being live streamed on YouTube. Viewers can search for the live streams using keywords such as "AIIMS Jammu Sports Live Match" and "AIIMS Jammu Inter-Staff Championship 2026" to watch the action live. Prof. (Dr.) D. N. Sharma appreciated the efforts of the Sports Committee and encouraged the AIIMS Jammu fraternity to actively participate in the ongoing sports activities, emphasizing the importance of fitness, teamwork and institutional bonding. The initiative reflects AIIMS Jammu's commitment to holistic development and reinforces the spirit of teamwork, fitness and healthy competition among its workforce.

## Jasbir of J&K to play in Handball Pro League

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Senior Handball player from Jammu and Kashmir, Jasbir Singh (Jassi) has been selected to participate in the Handball Pro League (HPL) 2026. South Asia's biggest and India's first-ever professional Handball League for both men and women shall take place at Mankapur Indoor Stadium in Nagpur from February 10 to 15. Presently serving with Indian Army, Jasbir shall represent Mumbai Mercenaries Team as main goalkeeper. Jasbir has been selected considering his performance in the last National tournament. Meanwhile, International Handball player and India captain, Neeraj Singh complimented Jasbir Singh on his selected in the professional league.

**Komal Bioria qualifies NET-JRF**  
**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Komal Bioria, daughter of Balbir Singh Bioria and Aruna Bioria, resident of Kursari Bhaderwah, has been qualified the UGC NET examination with JRF in Commerce. She has earlier qualified the UGC NET examination four consecutive times and has now successfully achieved JRF. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Jammu.

# Vishwa Bharati bids farewell to Class 12th Batch

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The campus of Vishwa Bharati Public School, Akalpur, Morh, Jammu, was filled with a mix of nostalgia and excitement as the school organised a grand farewell ceremony to bid adieu to the outgoing Class 12th students.



Vishwa Bharati Public School faculty with student.

The event, hosted by the students of Class 11th and staff, was a vibrant celebration of the journey, achievements, and memories shared by the senior-most batch during their years at the institution. The day began with the traditional lighting of the lamps, followed by a series of cultural performances that captivated the audience. Class 11th students performed energetic dance medleys and soulful musical tributes dedicated to their seniors. The highlight of the afternoon was the much-anticipated "Mr. and Miss Vishwa Bharati Contest," where students showcased their grace and intellect. A special video montage was screened, capturing the students' journey from their early days at the school to their final year.

Addressing the gathering, the school Principal Annapurna Kaul and Vice-Principal Sameer Bhat congratulated the students on their resilience and academic dedication and gave them blessings for their bright future and careers. Dr. S. K. Koul, President Vishwa Bharati Women's Welfare Institutions in his address, showered his blessings on the passing-out students for their prosperous future and successful careers as they are entering new horizons of their life. He advised the students to work hard while pursuing their further education and to become strong pillars of strength for their nation. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of titles and mementoes as souvenirs to every student as a token of love from the school management.

# Jodhamal Public School shines at UT Rope Skipping Competition with 22 medals

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School showcased remarkable sporting excellence at the 13th UT Rope Skipping Competition held at J P World School on February 6 and 7, 2026. Competing against participants from various schools, the students displayed impressive agility, coordination, and stamina, securing a total of 22 medals for the institution. Among the top performers, Kaashvi Gupta and Hinaya Dubey clinched three gold medals each, while Vihaan Gupta secured two golds and Abhinash Singh Sodhi added one to the tally. Silver medals were won by Aradhya Gupta, Ayaansh Malhotra, Smaira Raj, Dilimin Kaur, Jeena Kaur, and Reyansh Mathur. Bronze medal achievers included Aradhya Gupta, Dhruv Sadhotra, Abhinash Singh Sodhi, Kyra Talwar, Ruhani Jain, Amaan Choudhary, and Mohd. Haris Malik. Overall, the school bagged nine gold, six silver, and seven bronze medals. The team was guided by coach Savneet Kour, whose encouragement played a key role in the students' success. The school management congratulated the winners, highlighting its strong focus on sportsmanship and holistic development.



Jodhamal Public School faculty felicitating students.

# DYSS organises cricket trials under Youth Engagement Programme



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: The Directorate of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), District Rajouri, organised Inter-Panchayat Block Level Cricket Trials for boys in the Under-17 and Under-19 age categories under the Youth Engagement Programme 2026. The trials witnessed participation from young cricketers drawn from different Panchayats across the district. The aspiring players displayed talent, discipline and sportsmanship during the selection process. After a series of competitive trials, block-level teams were selected to represent their respective blocks in the upcoming Inter-Block District Level Cricket tournament. The programme aims to provide a structured platform for the youth to channelise their energy into sports, promote healthy competition and identify promising talent at the grassroots level. Through such initiatives, the department is working towards nurturing a strong sporting culture and encouraging constructive engagement among the youth. Officials of the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports expressed confidence that the selected players will perform to the best of their abilities and bring laurels to their respective blocks. They further added that the Youth Engagement Programme will continue to play a vital role in empowering young athletes and inspiring more youth to participate in sports and physical activities.

# APS Damana organises Art-Integrated activity

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: APS Damana collaborated with APS Ahmedabad to conduct a CBSE Art-Integrated Activity on 05 February 2026 under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) flagship programme. The event was hosted by Panshul Anand of Class VII C and Nandika Sharma of Class VIII E under the mentorship of Ms. Neeru Devi, TGT English and Activity & Level Coordinator (IX & X). The programme commenced with a vibrant and reverential presentation of the rich culture of Jammu & Kashmir through a soulful folk ballad and an energetic folk dance performance by the students of APS Damana, guided by Sunny Kumar, TGT Music. APS Ahmedabad beautifully showcased the cultural vibrancy of Gujarat through a captivating folk ballad, followed by an enthralling folk dance performance reflecting the state's exuberant traditions. The celebration was further enriched with an exhibition displaying the intrinsic visual arts of J&K, including ethnic paintings, samovar, shikara models, and traditional cuisines under the guidance of Anju Kumari, TGT Arts. The exhibition highlighted the rich cultural heritage of both states. Principal Pushpinder Kaur appreciated the collaborative efforts of students and teachers in promoting experiential learning. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Pawani Chargotra of Class VI, marking a successful cultural exchange.



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