

Ranji Trophy Final: J&K on brink of history as pacers advance victory run



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JAMMU: After batting brilliantly with a century and five fifties to put J&K in commanding position, the J&K pacers on the third day of the play today led the victory run with Aqib Nabi spearheading the attack taking three off the five wickets lost by the champion side of Karnataka for 220 in 69 overs play today at KSCA Stadium, Hubli. With five wickets remaining, Karnataka still trail by 364 runs in the all important game of Ranji Trophy final.

The highlight of the day was dismissal of danger man, India cricketer, K L Rahul, who was caught behind off Aqib Nabi at 13 on a review which ruled out the decision of the field umpire. The Rahul dismissal brought in jubiliations in the J&K team. However, opener, Mayank Agarwal turned out to be the saviour for struggling Karnataka, who faced with utmost courage the J&K pace attack from trio of Aqib Nabi, Yudhvir Singh Charak and

Sunil Kumar thereby built up the innings with his unbeaten 130 runs made with the help of 17 boundaries spread all around the field. The J&K pacers were so dominant that Karnataka openers, K L Rahul and Mayank Agarwal could not open the account in the first five overs of the play. Soon after the breakthrough by Aqib, young Sunil Kumar took another important wicket of Skipper Devdutt Padikkal, who was back to the pavilion at 11 with team total of

56 in 16.1 overs. It was followed by two wickets by Aqib on consecutive deliveries which caused the maximum damage to Karnataka reducing the side to 57 for four. Aqib, who took his 58th wicket of the season, virtually advanced the J&K victory run. It was followed by a valuable 105 runs partnership between Shreyas and Mayank. This

time, Yudhvir brought in the breakthrough taking Shreyas (lbw) wicket. Earlier, J&K resumed from overnight score of 527 for six and the whole side bowled out for 584 runs with Yudhvir adding quick 38 (off 28 balls) hitting two sixes and three boundaries. India bowler, M Prasadh was the most successful bowler with five wickets from Karnataka.

SCOREBOARD

Jammu & Kashmir 1st Innings	
Qamran Iqbal c Rahul b Prasadh Krishna	06
Yaver Hassan c Rahul b Prasadh Krishna	88
Shubham Pundir c sub (KV Aneesh) b Patil	121
Paras Dogra (c) b Gopal	70
Abdul Samad c Krishna b Prasadh Krishna	61
Kanhaiya Wadhawan † c Rahul b Shikhar Shetty	70
Sahil Lotra c Rahul b Vysakh	72
Abid Mushtaq c Padikkal b Prasadh Krishna	28
Auqib Nabi c Krishna b Prasadh Krishna	02
Yudhvir Singh run out (Padikkal)	30
Sunil Kumar not out	01
Extras	35
Total	584/10
Karnataka 1st Innings	
KL Rahul c Wadhawan b Auqib Nabi	13
Mayank Agarwal not out	130
Devdutt Padikkal (c) c Abdul Samad b Kumar	11
Karun Nair b Auqib Nabi	00
Ravichandran Smaran c Wadhawan b Auqib Nabi	00
Shreyas Gopal lbw b Yudhvir Singh	27
Kruthik Krishna † not out	27
Extras	12
Total	220/5

J&K boys outplay Andhra Pradesh, Haryana in 46th Sub-Junior National Volleyball C'ship



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

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The J&K boys' volleyball team delivered an outstanding performance at the 46th Sub-Junior National Volleyball Championship held at Polba. The prestigious event, organized in Hooghly from February 24 to March 1, 2026, witnessed remarkable talent from across the country.

In a dominant display, J&K defeated Andhra Pradesh in straight sets, registering a comprehensive 3-0 victory. The team secured the match with set scores of 25-19, 25-22, and 25-21. Continuing their impressive run, J&K also overcame Haryana in a thrilling five-set encounter. Showing immense determination and fighting spirit, the team won 3-2 with set scores of 25-17, 20-25, 25-22, 15-25, and 15-08. The decisive fifth set highlighted their composure and mental strength under pressure.

Muzamil Ahmed, Fasil Ahmed, Sourav Verma, Tahir Ahmed, and Rehan Parvez with their excellent coordination, solid defense,

and powerful smashes kept their opponents under constant pressure throughout the contest.

The twin victories reflect the hard work and dedication of the players under the guidance of Head Coach, Mulkh Raj Sharma, Manager Subash Shastri and team management.

J&K Team: Muzamil Ahmed, Udhay Raina, Manan Q.K, Aftab Ahmad, Danish Sharma, Faisal Amin, Rahil Maqbool, Sarjeel Masroor, Naman Sharma, Tahir Ahmad,

Bhat Afridi, Moheem Qayoom, Rehan Parvez, and Sourav Sharma.

The Volleyball Association of J&K, under the leadership of Patron Raj Daluja and President Sidharth Daluja, extended heartfelt congratulations to the J&K boys' team, coaches, and manager for this remarkable achievement and for bringing pride to the Union Territory on the national stage and best wishes for the upcoming matches.

Heritage School celebrates 'The Continuum Ceremony' marking class v transition



Heritage School faculty and students posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Heritage School organised "The Continuum Ceremony" to mark the formal progression of Class V students from the Primary Wing to the Middle Wing, celebrating continuity in learning rather than a farewell. The event reflected the institution's philosophy that education is a continuous journey of growth, character building,

and purposeful advancement. The ceremony was graced by Chairman Sunil Gupta along with the Principal, Vice Principal, Headmistress, and academic coordinators. Special Guest Mohit Roger, a young independent artist, singer, and entrepreneur, added inspiration to the occasion with his presence. As a symbol of sustainable growth and respect, saplings were presented to the dignitaries, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp to signify the guiding light of knowledge. The cultural segment highlighted India's artistic

diversity and the vibrant spirit of the Primary Wing. The school choir, "Minstrels of Melody," presented soulful musical medleys, while students of Classes IV and V performed a Maharashtrian folk-inspired Durga Dance symbolising strength and resilience. A lively Bihu dance by Class II and a graceful Rajasthani dance by Class IV further showcased unity in diversity and cultural pride. A key highlight of the programme was the administration of vows by the Junior Council Members of Class V, who pledged on behalf of their

peers to uphold values of discipline, integrity, perseverance, and compassion. The moment underscored the school's emphasis on character development as the foundation of education.

The ceremony also recognised achievements, with Best Class Awards presented to Class 1B and Class 2D for outstanding performance and conduct, while the Best House Trophy was awarded to Tradition House (Yellow House) for excellence and teamwork throughout the session.

The programme concluded with an engaging musical performance by Mohit Roger and an inspiring address by the Principal, encouraging students to embrace new responsibilities with confidence. The Continuum Ceremony reaffirmed Heritage School's commitment to nurturing confident, value-driven learners as Class V students step forward into the next phase of their academic journey.

GDCW Kathua students explore biodiversity during educational visit to Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary



GDCW Kathua students and faculty during visit to Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary.

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KATHUA: The Department of Zoology at Government Degree College for Women Kathua, in collaboration with the Wildlife Department Kathua, organised an educational field visit to Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary for B.Sc Semester IV and VI students, offering them valuable practical exposure to wildlife and ecological studies. The visit was conducted under the patronage of Principal Dr. Jaipal Singh as part of the academic curriculum aimed at strengthening experiential learning.

Accompanied by faculty

members Dr. Poonam Sambyal and Prof. Manjot Singh from the Department of Zoology, students explored the sanctuary's rich biodiversity and natural landscapes. Known for its diverse flora and fauna, the sanctuary provided an ideal setting for observing mammals, birds, and reptiles in their natural habitat. Forest officials and wildlife experts guided the participants, sharing insights into conservation strategies, habitat preservation, and the challenges involved in protecting wildlife ecosystems.

During the excursion, students were introduced to

essential field research techniques such as habitat analysis, bird watching, and ecological data collection. These activities helped bridge the gap between theoretical classroom learning and real-world scientific application. Interactive sessions with experts enabled participants to understand ecological interdependence and the importance of maintaining environmental balance.

Speaking on the occasion, Head of the Department Dr. Poonam Sambyal highlighted that such educational tours play a crucial role in enhancing academic understanding

while fostering a sense of responsibility toward nature and conservation. She noted that the observations made during the visit would contribute to ongoing academic projects and research initiatives within the department.

The Department of Zoology expressed gratitude to the sanctuary authorities and forest officials for their support in organising the programme. The visit reaffirmed the college's commitment to holistic education by encouraging students to develop scientific skills alongside environmental awareness and stewardship.

Kathua skier bags Silver in Khelo India Winter Games

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JAMMU: International Cross Country Skier from Nagri Parole in district Kathua, Aman Kumar won Silver medal in the 6th Khelo India Winter Games which concluded on Thursday at Gulmarg in Kashmir.

Serving with the Indian Army and trains at the Gulmarg peaks, Aman, a resident of village Daralan, contested in 10 kilometers Nordic Cross Country skiing event in the open category. In this event, 35 skiers from all over India contested for the top honours. Important to mention here that in February last, 23-year old, Aman had represented India in the 9th Asian Winter Games held in Harbin, China. He contested in 4x7.5 kilometers Relay.

Employability and Professional Competence-Focused Student Seminar at JU

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JAMMU: The Business School, University of Jammu, organized a two-day student seminar on "Advanced MS-Excel" for its MBA 4th Semester students from February 25-26, 2026. The initiative was undertaken to strengthen students' analytical and data-handling skills, which are essential in today's competitive corporate environment. As businesses increasingly rely on data-driven decision-making, proficiency in advanced Excel has become a critical, high-demand skill across all domains of an organization.

Dr. Sunil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, University of Jammu, served as the resource person for the two-day seminar, along with Mr. Ankush Kumar and Mr. Deepu Tiwari, Research Scholars from the Department of Statistics. On the first day, the resource persons delivered insightful hands-on sessions focusing on advanced Excel tools such as

advanced formulas, functions, and data analysis techniques. The second day focused on data transformation, data visualization, and dashboard creation. The seminar was specifically tailored for students seeking to gain a competitive edge in the job market by offering practical exposure to tools that significantly enhance workplace productivity and data visualization capabilities.

Students actively participated in the sessions, displayed keen interest throughout the seminar, and benefited from practical exposure to advanced spreadsheet techniques that will further enhance their employability and professional competence.

The seminar was coordinated by Prof. Komal Nagar and Dr. Shelleka Gupta.

sports serve as an effective platform in promoting healthy lifestyle and strengthening the fight against drug abuse. He encouraged the youth to actively participate in sports and other constructive activities, while assuring continued support of district administration for organizing such events in future.

CPO Ranjeet Thakur, DSWO Varun Chaudhary, DIO Rajinder Digra and other officers and officials of district administration and Social Welfare Department were also present on the occasion.

Neeraj Verma awarded Ph.D
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JAMMU: Neeraj Verma, daughter of Madan Lal Verma and Kiran Verma, and wife of Varun Chandan, resident of Marble Market, Trikuta Nagar Extension, Jammu has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Education under the Faculty of Education from Desh Bhagat University, Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab. She has completed her doctoral research under the supervision of Dr. Vijay Puri on the topic "Emotional Intelligence of Prospective Teachers Studying in Private Colleges of Education of Jammu Province in Relation to their Locality, Gender and Academic Achievement".



GGM Science college Clinches Netball (Men) Title in Inter-Collegiate Tournament 2025-26

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JAMMU: GGM Science College emerged victorious in the Netball (Men) Inter-Collegiate Tournament for the session 2025-2026, organized by Cluster University of Jammu. The prestigious tournament was hosted at GGM Science College on and witnessed enthusiastic participation from various affiliated colleges. In a thrilling final match, GGM Science College defeated Govt. MAM College with a narrow margin of 06-05 points, displaying remarkable teamwork, strategy, and determination. The victory marks yet another proud achievement for the institution in the field of sports. Principal Dr. (Prof.) Romesh Kumar Gupta congratulated the winning team for their outstanding performance and lauded their dedication and



Principal, GGM Science College, Dr. (Prof.) Romesh Kumar Gupta posing with faculty and winner team.

relentless hard work. He described the triumph as a moment of immense pride for the entire college fraternity and reaffirmed the institution's commitment to promoting excellence in both academics and sports. Dr. Gupta also appreciated the sincere efforts of Dr.

Devinder Kumar Sharma, Prof. Sukhdeep Singh Sasan (Sports Incharge, Netball Men Team), and Dr. Bilal Ahmad Malla, P.T.I., for their continuous encouragement and guidance in nurturing a vibrant sports culture within the college.

Addressing the players, Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma emphasized that active participation in sports fosters discipline, confidence, and physical well-being, contributing positively to students' academic growth and overall development.

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