

11th Police Martyrs Memorial T-20 Cricket Championship concludes

Haryana Cricket Academy lifts winner trophy

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KATHUA: Haryana Cricket Academy lifted the trophy of the 11th Police Martyrs Memorial T-20 Cricket Championship organized by Kathua Police in association with Shaheed Welfare Committee, which concluded at Sports Stadium Kathua, here on Thursday.

In the final match played today, Haryana Cricket Club Academy outplayed Vicky XI Pathankot by

Batting first after winning the toss, Haryana Cricket Club Academy scored 125 runs in 20 overs for the loss of seven wickets, Jasmeet Nain was the top scorer with 57 runs off 49 balls studded with seven boundaries followed by Vipun, who scored 33 runs off 32 balls with the help of three boundaries and a six.

In reply, Vicky XI Pathankot was unable to chase the target and bundled out on 96 runs in 19.4 overs. Jasmeet Nain of Haryana Cricket Academy was declared the Man of the Match and was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 21,000 alongwith trophy.

The title of Player of Tournament was won by Surinder Sandhu (Vicky XI Pathankot) who scored 110 runs



Winner Haryana Cricket Academy team in jubilant mood after receiving championship trophy at Kathua on Thursday.

and clinched 11 wickets in the tournament and was awarded Maruti Car Alto 800. Sahil Dull (Haryana Cricket Academy) was declared the Best Bowler who took 15 wickets and remained the most economical bowler and Dhruv Singh (Sabhi XI Cricket Club) was declared the Best Batsman who scored 238 runs in the tournament, both were awarded Motor Bikes for their splendid performance.

The Winning Team awarded a cash prize of Rs 3.50 lakh whereas runner up team was given cash prize of Rs 2.50 lakh alongwith medals.

In the closing ceremony, Dilbag Singh, Director General of Police (DGP), J&K was the Chief Guest, who complimented organizers and sponsors for their efforts in organizing the T-20 Cricket Championship. He also appreciated the people of Kathua for their support to this

championship.

He later distributed trophies, medals and prizes among the winner and runner-up teams and other Management Committee Members.

He alongwith other police officers & dignitaries also paid floral tribute to the martyrs Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar on Shaheed Diwas and also paid tributes to other martyrs and personally interacted with the martyr families and distributed gifts among them.

SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jamwal welcomed the Dilbag Singh K and Guest of Honour, Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu Zone as well as other senior police officials, sponsors.

Besides senior Police Officers including ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh, DIG JSK Range Shakti Kumar Pathak, AIG (Welfare) PHQ, Dr. Abhishek Mahajan, SSP Samba Benam Tosh, CO IRP 19th Bn. Dr. Koshal Kumar, Principal PTS Kathua Roop Raj Bhagat and officials of civil administration as well as large gathering witnessed the final match.

In total, Sixteen teams participated in the championship.

Param FC wins Katra Football trophy



Chief Guest presenting trophy to winner team.

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JAMMU: Param Football Club (FC) won the Katra Football Tournament which was organised by Reasi District Police under Civic Action Program at Sports Stadium, Katra in district Reasi.

In the final, Param FC defeated Sainik Colony FC 6-1. Rohit Singh, Sunil Sandhu, Rishi Rajput and Varun Singh were the scorers from winning side of Param FC. Rishi Rajput was named player of the tournament for his superb game

throughout the event while Rishi of Param FC was declared man of the match.

In the final and prize distribution function, PO ICDS, Renu Kumari was chief guest while SDPO Katra Surinder Singh was guest of honour. In total, six teams from Jammu zone representing Param FC, Sainik FC, Katra FC, Udhampur City FC, Pegasus FC and Reasi FC participated in this event.

The competition was organised with the sole aim to engage youth of district Reasi in sports

activities as also to curb the menace of drug. District Police Reasi supported by DFA Reasi in holding the event.

The event took place under the overall supervision of SP Katra, Amit Bhasin and his team of officers, including SDPO Katra, Surinder Singh and SHO Katra, Nishant Gupta.

Matches officiated by Haroon Rashid, Jaydeep Kumar and Karmanu Badgotra under the supervision of Rahul Bakshi and coordinated by Sub-Inspector Gourav.

4 J&K players in Rollball India Camp



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JAMMU: As many as four players, including three women, have been made part of the India camp for the upcoming VI Rollball World Cup to be hosted by India at Pune in Maharashtra from April 21 to 26, 2023.

Selected players from J&K are Suvidha Sarin, Ruhi Rajput, Dilpreet Singh and Khushi Gupta, a handout issued by the Rollball Association of Jammu and Kashmir

informed. These selected players are part of the 100 players, including 50 women, selected throughout the country on the basis of their performance through selection trial which took place at Dindigul in Tamil Nadu and Balgavi in Karnataka.

"The final selection trial are being held at Balgavi in Karnataka from March 24 to 31," informed General Secretary of the Association, Madhu Sharma.

Anu becomes technical official at ISSF World Cup

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JAMMU: Anu Sharma of district Kathua has been nominated as technical official for the ongoing ISSF World Cup (Rifle and Pistol) at Bhopal. This was for the second time that Anu has been made part of an international competition as an official. She is the first ISSF Judge and only woman from J&K to be a part of the event which involves 208 athletes from 31 countries.

Earlier, she had been nominated as an technical official for ISSF World Cup Delhi 2021, National Games 2022, Khelo India Youth Games, National shooting championships and other national level events.

Dangal promotes taste of youth towards sports & games: Sham

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AKHNOOR: Sham Lal Sharma, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir and former Minister has reiterated the commitment of Bharatiya Janata Party to improve sports infrastructure across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the sports is the key to a society with a healthy physique as well as healthy mind.

He expressed this while addressing a gathering during a Dangal held at Panchayat Upper Sungal (Sumah) of Akhnoor Assembly segment.

On the occasion Mahamandaleswar Mahant Rameshwar Das, Vice Chairman DDC Jammu Suraj Singh, DySP K.D



Vice President BJP J&K, Sham Lal Sharma introducing wrestlers of main bout.

Bhagat, Yuva Sanskrit Sevi Kailakh Jyotish and Head of Vedic Sansthan Trust Mahant Rohit Shastri, Vice President Press Club of Jammu Zorawar Singh and other senior citizens were present.

Sham lauded the efforts of Jai Peer Baba Dangal Committee for conducting

such an attractive sports event in the area that has attracted huge gathering of Dangal and other sports enthusiasts.

He said that the local wrestling tournaments is no less than a festival for the people here who feel highly excited to witness the bouts between the wrestlers from

different regions.

The former minister said that developing sports culture among the young minds is necessary for the overall development of one's personality. Asserting that sports holds key to healthy body and a healthy mind, he urged the youth to make sports an inseparable part of their daily routine in life.

He assured that BJP will leave no stone unturned in improving the sports infrastructure to highest level of excellence across the J&K Union Territory.

Sham Lal also appreciated the efforts of Jai Peer Baba Dangal Committee headed by Harish Sharma, President and Tilak Raj Sharma, Naib Sarpanch Chairman for organizing such events which promotes the taste of youth towards

sports and games and also promotes brotherhood and communal harmony.

A total of 90 bouts were played in which Rubal from Khanna won the final bout by defeating Sonu from Delhi. The

Chief Guest felicitated the wrestler Rubal for winning the final bout with cash prize of Rs 1,50,000.

Members of Jai Peer Baba Dangal Committee including Sanjay Kumar Vice President Madan Lal, Ajay Raj, Vinod Sharma, Sanjay Sharma, Kewal Kumar General Secretary, Rakesh Sharma, Ravi Yalla, Bittu, Sanju Kumar, Yog Raj Kannu Sharma, Pinka Kumar, Kaka Kumar, Shibhu Kumar, Sohan Singh Raja and Sanjay Kumar were present on the occasion.

'Exciting IPL for J&K fans ahead as BCCI to create Fan Park in Jammu'

Six J&K Cricketers picked as IPL net bowlers

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JAMMU: Member Administration JKCA, Brig Anil Gupta in a statement issued on Thursday informed that BCCI for the first time will be creating a Fan Park in Jammu on May 27 and 28, 2023 wherein the semifinal and final matches will be telecast live on big screens alongwith other fun and frolics.

"The Jammu fans will excitedly await for Fan Park. The whole nation will be engulfed with the IPL 2023 fever. The league has become the most popular league and has large viewership across the globe," maintained Brig Gupta.

"It's not only the most-watched cricket tournament across the world that is entering the 16th year but also is the tournament that has revolutionised cricket and



Waseem Bashir, Abid Mushtaq, Basit Bashir, Mujtaba Yousof

made it popular with the largest fan following", said Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development, JKCA.

"The excitement will be palpable not only in the stadiums but all over, as the IPL matches for the first time will have two broadcasters. The Star network will telecast the matches on TV, and Viacom18 will stream the matches on digital devices", informed Sunil Sethi,

Member Legal Affairs JKCA.

Brig Gupta also informed that this year a big number of JKCA players will figure in the 16th edition of the IPL.

Apart from the five players namely Umran Malik, Abdul Samad, Vivrant Sharma, Yudhvir Singh and Avinash Singh already selected to play for the different franchisees, six JKCA players will be playing as net bowlers and injury substitutes.

These players include Basit Bashir (MI), Waseem Bashir (LSG), Abid Mushtaq and Mujtaba Yousof (CSK), Umar Nazir (PBSK). In addition, Samiullah Dar, who has yet to play for JKCA but is a find of Talent Hunt 2022 has also joined KKR as a net bowler.

"It only proves that J&K has no dearth of talent, what our players missed were the opportunities. The talent of JKCA players is being recognised now. The IPL exposure will enable these players to further hone their crickering skills and add quality to our teams," asserted Brig Gupta.

The opening ceremony of the IPL 2023 is planned as a grand event to be held at Ahmadabad on March 31, 2023. The opening match will be played between Gujarat Titans and Chennai Super Kings.

Jammu's budding artist Akshay rocks in Punjabi song 'Jatti'

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JAMMU: Son of the soil, The upcoming singer Akshay with his Punjabi song 'Jatti' has floated waves across the country and abroad. This guy is ruling the hearts of people with his charming style and singing. The magic of his singing is speaking head on to the younger generation, which is praised by his growing fans on YouTube.

He has created sensation in the Punjabi Music Industry and his song has become viral in the social media and is liked by the youth folk in foreign countries. He is gaining great popularity for his talent,



voice and creativity.

Since the Punjabi pop singers have created a special place in the Bollywood Industry, Akshay as a shining singer aims at singing in the Film

Industry for top stars.

Achieving successes at the very early age, Akshay said his millions of loving music lovers constantly inspire him to do better than best.

Students of DPS Jammu win gold medals in National Science Olympiad

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JAMMU: Taking its rich academic legacy ahead, the students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by winning gold medals in National Science Olympiad organized by Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) held in the academic year 2022-23.

Over 5000 schools spread across country registered for the India's biggest Olympiad exams and millions of students appeared in the said exams.

Jagrit Rajpal (IX-F), Sarvaan Gupta (IX-J) and Taransh Mahajan (VII-E) won gold medals at Zonal level and certificates. Ishvita Luthra (IX B) won gold medal of Excellence in National Science Olympiad



Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chhabra congratulated all the winners and their parents for their glorious achievement. She also lauded their teacher incharge, Dr. Paramjeet Singh.

President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Kuwarani Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi extended their best wishes to the winners and their parents.

Samba Police conducts Cricket tournament

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SAMBA: Samba Police organized Cricket Tournament under Civic Action Programme (CAP) at Sports Stadium Purmandal. The tournament was declared opened by Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Bari Brahmana Rahul Nagar in the presence of SHO Purmandal Vijay Verma under the supervision of SSP Samba, Benam Tosh.

Total 10 cricket teams of boys from different areas of district Samba are participating in the tournament which will be played on knock out basis.



SDPO Bari Brahmana Rahul Nagar declaring open Cricket tournament.

All the league matches have been played today with great enthusiasm among the players. The two semi-finals were played between the top four winners teams from the league

Purmandal Cricket Club and Sangar Cricket Team which was won by Purmandal Cricket Club. The final of the tournament between Team Deon and Purmandal Cricket Club will be played later in the Sports Stadium Purmandal.

Rahul Nagar urged upon the participating teams to play with team spirit and fervour.

Such sports activities being organized by J&K Police provides a better platform for the sports persons to explore their talents and channelizing their energy in right directions, SDPO added.

84th UTT Inter-State Senior National Table Tennis C'ship

Maiden crown for RBI Women, 26th for PSPB Men

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JAMMU: The Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) men defeated the Railways Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) 3-1 to lift the silverware for the 26th time in team events of the 84th UTT Inter-State Senior National Table Tennis Championships at the Gymnasium Hall of Jammu University today.

However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) emerged as the newest champions when their women lifted the trophy for the first time after struggling past Tamil Nadu 3-2 to achieve the feat. If PSPB men defended the title in style and authority against the Railways, the final between RBI and Tamil Nadu had all the trappings of an edge-of-the-seat Bollywood suspense potboiler.

Yashini Sivashankar and Kowshika Venkatesan brought Tamil Nadu to the brink of their second title, almost in three decades, until Diya Chitale changed the script in the third game of the decider. TN women

won their first team trophy in the Mumbai Nationals in January 1992. The 19-year-old Mumbai girl, unlike her experienced teammates Ayhika Mukherjee and Sreeja Akula, attacked with excellent reach to outsmart Kowshika. Such was her ferocity in the approach of Diya, and also the difference between her teammates, that she was able to control Yashini Sivashankar in the first rubber (3-2) and decimate Kowshika in the decider (3-1) after Yashini pulled level in the fourth tie to sear the RBI bench.

However, with her free-flowing strokes, long rallies and clever use of the flanks, Diya put a lot of doubts in the mind of Kowshika, who couldn't decide whether to go for the push or counter!

After Diya and Ayhika, with great struggle, put RBI 2-0 ahead, Kavyashree Baskar and Yashini infused fresh life and confidence into the team when they defeated Sreeja Akula and Ayhika, respectively, in the third and fourth rubbers. Even Kowshika had the upper

hand, holding two game points in the first against Diya at 10-8, but lost both and another one before Diya won 13-11. The TN girl fought back nicely in the second and pulled level, but Diya rewrote the script midway through the third to complete the job. The TN and RBI women played 21 out of 25 games to make it a memorable final in recent times. Incidentally, this will be the second runners-up position after they lost to the Petroleum Sports Control Board in the final of the Goa Nationals held in 1993. The G. Sathiyam led the Petroleum charge against the Railways and, expectedly, took the final to its logical conclusion with a 3-1 triumph. With A. Sharath Kamal missing from the team line-up, PSPB gave a chance to Sanil Shetty to fill the void. But the left-hander failed to grab the opportunity and lost to the promising Aakash Pal in the third rubber. After Manav Thakkar provided the lead, beating Ronit Bhanja 3-0, Sathiyam put

the reigning champions 2-0 up when he beat Anirban Ghosh 3-0. Aakash Pal pulled one back, forcing Sathiyam into the fray for the fourth tie and the World No. 44, without wasting time, completed the task to end the agony.

Results (Team Events): Men: Final: Petroleum Sports Promotion Board bt Railway Sports Promotion Board 3-1 (Manav Thakkar bt Ronit Bhanja 11-5, 11-9, 11-8; G. Sathiyam bt Anirban Ghosh 11-5, 11-9, 11-4; Sanil Shetty lost to Akash Pal 2-11, 15-13, 9-11, 12-10, 8-11; G. Sathiyam bt Ronit Bhanja 11-7, 11-5, 12-10). Women: Final: RBI bt Tamil Nadu 3-2 (Diya Chitale bt Yashini Sivashankar 11-4, 3-11, 11-5, 7-11, 11-7; Ayhika Mukherjee bt Kowshika Venkatesan 11-6, 20-18, 11-8; Sreeja Akula lost to Kavyashree Baskar 8-11, 11-8, 11-13, 8-11; Ayhika Mukherjee lost to Yashini Sivashankar 8-11, 11-4, 11-8, 7-11, 7-11; Diya Chitale bt Kowshika Venkatesan 13-11, 9-11, 11-4, 11-6).