

# Police Martyrs Memorial Cricket Tournament

## Singh Club Akhnoor to face Friends Club Jourian in final

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
AKHNOOR: Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor shall meet Friends Cricket Club Jourian in the final of Police Martyrs Memorial Cricket Tournament being organized by District Police Jammu under the supervision of Mohan Lal Sharma (SDPO Akhnoor) and Harjeet Singh (Station House Officer Akhnoor) at Govt. Higher Secondary School Akhnoor.

Earlier in first semifinal match played on Thursday, Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor outplayed Singh Challenger Akhnoor by eight wickets. Batting first after winning the toss, Singh Challenger Akhnoor was bundled out at 80 runs in 15.5 overs. Jimmy Mangotra was the top scorer with 26 runs.



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials at Akhnoor.

For Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor, Sny Mahi grabbed five wickets while Binny Kesar and Sham Singh Langeh claimed two wickets each and Chandan Sharma got one. In reply, Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor comfortably chased the target making 81 runs for the loss

of two wickets in 7.3 overs. Sny Mahi played a fine inning of 39 runs while Sunil Govil remained unbeaten at 26 runs. For Singh Challenger Akhnoor, Vipin and Sunny Bral took one wicket each. For his all-round performance, Sny Mahi was declared as Man

Of the Match.

In another semifinal, Friends Cricket Club Jourian defeated Tacharwan Tigers by six wickets.

Tacharwan Tigers, batting first after winning the toss, scored 86 runs for the loss of ten wickets in 18.3 overs.

Sunil Kumar and Hritik Malhotra were the main scorers with 19 and 18 runs respectively. For Friends Cricket Club Jourian, Ritik claimed three wickets while Goshu, Sonu and Kalu took two wickets each and Robin got one.

In reply, Friends Cricket Club Jourian chased the target making 87 for the loss of four wickets in 12.3 overs. Goshu was the top scorer with 29 runs while Lakhian remained at 27 and Bhanu made 21 runs. For Tacharwan Tigers, Sunil Kumar got three wickets. For his all-round display, Goshu was adjudged as Man of the Match.

Today's matches were officiated by Dayal Singh and Vikas Bali as Umpires and Dev Bhagel as Scorer.

## Five J&K UT players selected for Senior National Classic Power-Lifting championship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Five players of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory have been selected for Senior National Classic Power Lifting Championship (Men & Women) held at Kozhikode, Kerala from April 1 to 5, 2023.

The officials of the Association namely Ajay Sharma General Secretary,

Rahul Sawhney Senior Vice President, Riyaz Ahmed Bhat, President Kashmir Powerlifting Association, Feroz Ahmed Shah General Secretary Kashmir Power Lifting Association & all the executive member of the association gave best wishes to the team.

The team was selected by All J&K UT Power Lifting Association on the basis of

recently conducted J&K UT Powerlifting Championship. First time four players participated at Senior National Level from Kashmir Province.

The team is accompanied by Ajay Sharma (National Referee)

TEAM: Ubaid Hafiz, Mohd. Murtaz Bhat, Momin Khan, Mohd Aquib and Ronit Verma.

## Modi makes surprise visit to new Parliament building, inspects various works

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a surprise visit to the new parliament building here on Thursday evening and inspected various works as

well as interacted with construction workers, sources said.

Prime Minister Modi spent more than an hour inside the building.

Accompanied by Lok

Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Modi had a look at the facilities coming up at both Houses of Parliament, the sources said. He also interacted with the construction workers, they said.

## 52 Bn CRPF wins Volleyball trophy



Chief Guest presenting trophy to a winner team at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: 52 Battalion beat 187 Battalion in the final and won the trophy of the volleyball competition 2023 of Jammu Sector, which was organized in the GC CRPF Jammu from March 27 to 29, 2023. In this competition total 15 teams of Operational Battalions i.e. 06, 33, 38, 52, 72, 76, 84, 121, 126, 137, 160, 166 and 187 Battalions and Group Center Hiranagar and Group Center Jammu participated. The winning and runner up teams were honoured by presenting trophies

from the Chief Guest, Prem Chandra Gupta, Commandant GC CRPF Jammu. Earlier, the closing ceremony was addressed by Prem Chandra Gupta, who said that the main objective of such competitions is to inculcate the spirit of sportsmanship in the minds of CRPF personnel.

The sports activity also help to maintain true spirit and discipline among force personnel, he added. He also emphasized to adopt sports regularly, because sports develop our mind, brain and our physical fitness also.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGPUR: Getting the better of star-studded AG Rajasthan in a thrilling contest by a narrow margin of 4 runs in the semifinals, the formidable side of AG J&K sealed berth in the finals today and is all set to lock horns with AG West Bengal in the title clash of the ongoing Indian Audit & Accounts Department Inter-Zonal Cricket Tournament at Civil Lines VCA Cricket Stadium, Nagpur tomorrow.

Earlier, put into bat, AG J&K rode on a splendid batting display by the trio of Aditya Pratap Singh, Paras Sharma and skipper Ramdayal to score a good total of 184 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process.

## IA & AG Inter-Zonal Cricket Tournament

### AG J&K creates history; enters finals



AG J&K team posing for a group photograph alongwith Coach and Manager after qualifying for finals at VCA Stadium in Nagpur.

Showing stellar grit and tenacity, Aditya Pratap Singh notched up a magnificent half-century, scoring power-packed 65 runs off just 32 balls, studded with 8 fours and 2 sixes, while Paras Sharma contributed valuable 45 runs off 33 deliveries with 6 boundaries and

Ramdayal made brisk unbeaten 27 off 12 balls. Abid Mushtaq (16) and Bandeep Singh (14) were the other contributors.

For AG Rajasthan, Rituraj Singh and Ankit Lamba took three wickets each,

while Mohit Singh claimed one wicket.

In reply, AG Rajasthan after a hard-fought battle fell short of just 4 runs, managing to score 180/9 in 20 overs, thus lost the match by a narrow margin of 4 runs. Mohendra Singh top

scored with 66 off 32 balls, studded with 5 fours and equal number of sixes, while Ankit Lamba was at his murderous best in his brief knock knock of 8-ball 27 runs. Arijit Gupta and Shubham Sharma contributed 21 and 19 runs to the total respectively.

For J&K, Abid Mushtaq and Ramdayal took 3 wickets each, while Rahil Singh, Waseem Raza and Bandeep Singh claimed one wicket each. For his superb all-round display, Ramdayal was adjudged as the man of the match.

Former First Class Cricketer, Ashwani Gupta is accompanying the AG J&K team as Coach, while former Ranji Trophy Player Anoop Mangotra is the Manager.

## Poonch Club excels in Taekwondo Championship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Organised by District Police Headquarters Poonch in collaboration with Poonch District Taekwondo Association, two-day long Taekwondo championship for girls under Civic Action Programme concluded at Indoor Complex, Sports Stadium Poonch, here.

The championship was held under the direction of Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch Rohit Baskotra.

Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by Anit Sharma, Joint Secretary PDTA.

Narinder Mohan Suri, DPO Poonch was the Chief Guest while Principal GDC Poonch Prof. Dr Jasbir Singh was the Guest of Honour and AIT Singh President District TT Association, Prem Parkash Luthra Senior Vice President PDTA, Dr Udespal Sharma Chairman Yashpal Sharma Foundation were the Special Guests on the occasion.

DySP Dar Mohammad Shafiq and Station House Officer Poonch Ranjeet Singh Rao also present.

The Chief guest congratu-



Medal winner girls of Poonch Taekwondo Club posing with officials during closing ceremony of championship at Poonch.

lated District Police headquarters Poonch for organizing this mega event for girls and said these kind of events definitely strengthen the girl child.

DySP Dar Mohammad Shafiq and Ranjeet Singh Rao also gave their best wishes to all the medal winners and ensured every possible help for the development of Taekwondo through Jammu and Kashmir Police in future also.

Later, Rajinder Singh Taekwondo Coach highlighted the achievement of Poonch Taekwondo. He congratulated Jammu and Kashmir Police

for providing excellent platform to the youth of Poonch by organising these kind of events. He also thanked ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh, Dr Haseeb Mugal DIG RP Range Rajouri, SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra, ASP Poonch Mushim Ahmed and all ranks officers of J&K Police for including taekwondo under their Civic Action Programme.

All the dignitaries distributed medals, mementos and certificates to the medal winners of the championship.

Results: GOLD: Khalida Jabeen, Rahila Kouser, Manpreet Kour, Ruksana

Bandey, Arohi Dutta, Sukriti Sharma, Rutba Khanam, Iqra Javid and Sana Kazmi. SILVER: Gurleen Kour, Hafza Fatima, Rizwana Fareed, Manroop Kour, Srijan Bakshi, Anjum Parvana and Nandani Suri.

Arohi Dutta adjudged as best player in Sub junior category, Sukriti Sharma in cadet category and Rahila Kouser adjudged as best player in senior category.

The event is held under the technical supervision of Rajinder Singh Department of Youth Services and Sports Taekwondo coach, Jatinderpal PET, Gurpreet

Singh PET, Sandeep Kumar ReK, Prabjot Kour ReK, Aashiq Hussain District Referee and Akarshit Sudan District Referee.

Prominent among those present were Ravinder Singh Secretary Athletic Association Poonch, Tarlochan Singh Retd ZPEO, Sanjay Raina PET, Matinderpal Singh PET Amit Sharma Joint Secretary PDTA, Tarlochan Singh Football Coach, Mohinder Bali General Secretary DFA Poonch, Jatinder Sharma Headmaster GMS Khorinar, Sanjeev Gupta Sr Pharmacist and Gurvinder Singh PET.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Led by the district Poonch, boxers in the sub-junior and junior categories from districts other than Jammu made their presence felt in the ongoing J&K UT Boxing Championship, organised by the J&K Amateur Boxing Association at MA Stadium, here on Thursday.

On the second day of the competition, president of the Association, Dr Nirmolok Singh and Dr Tarun Gupta encouraged the young boxers and felicitated those medal winners from sub-junior and junior age groups.

The three-day competition shall conclude tomorrow with finals in senior age groups, followed by the declaration of the team championships.

The (Final) Results: BOYS: Sub-Junior: 33-35 kg: Rohit Kumar of Kathua bt Umar Bashir of Poonch. 37-40 kg: Umar Farooq of Poonch bt Vikrant. 43-46 kg: Parbhat of Poonch bt Lalit of Kathua. 46-49 kg: Mohd Paisal of Poonch bt Sujad Rashid of Rajouri. 49-52 Kg: Mohd Yasseer of Rajouri bt Rehan of Poonch.



Medal winner posing with officials.

52-55 kg: Mudassar Ahmad of Poonch bt Mohd Kashif of Pulwama. Junior 46 kg: Bishesh of Jammu bt Virender of Udhampur. 48 kg: Rishi Lalotra of Kathua bt Parmab Chowdhury of Udhampur. 50 kg: Talib Hussain of Kathua bt Mohd Saleem of Poonch. 52 kg: Sandeep Singh of Ramban bt Sahil Ahmad. 54 kg: Ranjeet of Ramban bt Saqib of Udhampur. 57 kg: Mohd Aarif of Poonch bt Mehran Manzoor of Pulwama. 70 kg: Hadi Hussain of Srinagar bt

Yashwardhan of Udhampur. 75 kg: Ansh Kumar of Kathua bt Kanav Sharma of Jammu.

GILRS: Sub -Junior: 36 kg: Mandira of Udhampur bt Neha Devi. 42 kg: Priya Katoch of Udhampur bt Radhika of Ramban. Junior: 46 kg: Samriti Chowdhury of Udhampur bt Sachi of Jammu. 48 kg: Tammanna of Poonch bt Sania of Jammu. 57 kg: Parvana Kousar of Poonch bt Mahrukh of Srinagar.

## Sumit becomes AFC C licence coach



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Young coach from Udhampur, Sumit Sharma has become AFC C Licence coach thus achieved the important milestone of becoming first footballer from the district to have this distinct qualification in the field of sports.

Sumit has transformed himself from a player to a professional coach in a short span of just four years owing to his devotion to the game of football. From establishing first full scale football club in district Udhampur in the name of Udhampur City FC, Sumit set an example for others to follow by establishing competitive exclusive women team from the remote district.

Besides being a coach, Sumit has become youngest president of the District Football Association (DFA) Udhampur.

"At the age of 21, I spotted the potential of youth in Udhampur but were lacking in opportunities. Since, I was playing for professional clubs

outside J&K, in Rajasthan, I started guiding the juniors. It was due to the engagement with the raw talent, I decided to set up first professional football club in the district in 2019," Sumit said. As for as coaching knowledge was concerned, Sumit did his AIFF D licence coaching course in December 2020 from Una in Himachal Pradesh. He also believed that girls can also play the sport equally as boys so decided to make a girls team at Udhampur. "The Udhampur City FC has engaged players from all age groups and gender in sports and has been organising events on a regular basis in Udhampur and Jammu as well. In 2021, we organised first ever girls tournament of Jammu Division in collaboration with Param FC, which set the tone for women's football in J&K," informed Sumit, who has done his Bachelor of Engineering. Engagement of women in Football turned out to be a big success. "One our players, Shabnam Hussain became first girl from Udhampur to represent J&K in the senior Nationals at Kerala. Previously, Raghav Magotra from Udhampur has also represented J&K in Under-19 at Shillong," disclosed the young coach.

Currently, three Udhampur based women footballers, Shabnam Hussain, Charu Sharma and Manali Mahajan represent J&K in the ongoing Senior National Women Football Championship at Chattisgarh. Sumit said that things would not have been possible had certain people not helped and guided him in my struggle during all these years. "I owe my success to former India footballer, Arun Malhotra; India coach, Sajid Dar and Arun Jasrotia of Param FC for their constant guidance and support," disclosed young AFC C licence coach from J&K.

## 3-Match One-Day Series

### Country Cricket Academy drubs RCC by 6 wkts

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Country Cricket Academy (CCA) registered 6-wicket win over Rainawari Cricket Club (RCC) Srinagar in a low scoring second match of the 3-Match One-Day Cricket Series at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, near here on Thursday.



each, while Sarthak Khoda and Lovesh claimed 1 wicket each.

In reply, CCA chased the target easily in 16.1 overs by losing 4 wickets, thus won the match by 6 wicket. Sarthak Khoda top scored with 36 runs off 37 balls, studded with 4 detectable boundaries, while Rakesh and Surya Vaishnavi contributed unbeaten 24 and 19 runs to the total respectively.

For RCC, Dhruv Gupta, Praful Dhar, Ashish Bhat and Satish Kumar took 1 wicket each.

For their all-round display, Rakesh and skipper Sarthak Khoda were jointly adjudged as the player of the match.

With this win, CCA has levelled the series 1-1. The 3-Match Series is being organised by the Management of Country Cricket Academy under the overall supervision of Vikrant Sharma.

## J&K emerges 2nd as Manipur lifts Wushu League trophy



Runner-up J&K Wushu players posing with Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and others.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Manipur emerged overall champion in the two-day Khelo India Sub Junior Women's Wushu League, an initiative of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) hosted by Wushu Association of J&K at Sports Stadium, Bhagwati Nagar, here on Thursday.

In Sanshou event, Haryana secured first place while the hosts J&K remained second and Rajasthan third. Similarly, in Taolu, Manipur got the first place, followed by the hosts J&K and Assam at second and third place respectively.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar was

the chief guest in the valedictory function while Vijay Saraf, president Wushu Association of J&K; Nuzhut Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council and Dhronacharya Awardee, Kuldeep Handoo were among other special guests.

The Divisional Commissioner appreciated the Wushu Association and SAI for organizing the National event at Jammu.

Around 200 players from 19 states and UTs of the country participated in this League. The participants for this mega national league were selected based on four zonal championships held at Srinagar, Jharkhand, Manipur and Kerala. Winners of zonal

championships qualified for this National League.

The volleyball competition was organized in accordance with the instructions issued by Inspector General of Police, Jammu Sector.

All the programmes took place under the leadership of Naresh Kumar Yadav, DIGP, Group Center Jammu.

On the occasion, Rajesh Kumar, Dy. Comdt., Sumit Verma, Dy. Comdt., Charan Singh, Dy. Comdt. (Min), Rajesh Kumar, Asst. Comdt., Sahil Gupta, Asst. Comdt., Umesh Chandra, Asst. Comdt., (Min.) and other gazetted officers, subordinate officers and jawans also lend their support.