

Bhaichara T-20 Cricket Tourney: Udhampur DM-XI defeats CAPF-XI

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UDHAMPUR: Udhampur DM-XI on Tuesday marked its third consecutive win in the ongoing Bhaichara T-20 Cricket Tournament hosted under Ops Sadhbhavana by the 71 Sub Area Udhampur on behalf of Northern Command Udhampur.

The Udhampur DM-XI, after winning the toss, elected to bat first. Uttam Palsar and Azam Khan showcased their prowess with the bat, each contributing 35 runs, while Ashwani Kotwal added 19 to the total. Vikram and Sahil Verma set the stage ablaze with aggressive innings of 24 runs in 9 balls and 10 runs in 4 balls respectively, guiding their team to a formidable total of 180, in the stipulated 20 overs.

In response, CAPF-XI struggled to keep up, falling short by 42 runs



Ashwani Kotwal receiving Man of the Match title at Udhampur on Tuesday.

with a total of only 148 runs on the board. Rahul, Godara, and Saddam displayed good resistance, scoring 19, 35, and 34 runs respectively. Ashwani Kotwal and Nipun emerged as the chief tormentors, snatching three wickets each, while Sahil Verma contributed with two crucial scalps.

Ashwani Kotwal rightfully earned the title of Man of the Match for his stellar performance, contributing with both bat

and ball, taking three crucial wickets and scoring 19 runs.

Under the adept guidance of Rafiq Jaral, SDM Ramnagar, the entire DM-XI team showcased exemplary skills and teamwork, securing a well-deserved victory.

The victory of Udhampur DM-XI over CAPF-XI marked the third consecutive win for the team in the ongoing Bhaichara T-20 Cricket

Tournament under Ops Sadhbhavana, organized by the 71 Sub Area Udhampur on behalf of

Northern Command Udhampur. Despite their administrative commitments, the DM-XI players have demonstrated a commendable dedication to the sport, showcasing the true spirit of the game.

The captivating commentary of Inder Gupta, coupled with the soothing voice of Capt. Sanchayan Ghosh, transformed the ambiance of Vikram Stadium, injecting it with a pulsating energy that amplified the spectators' enjoyment and intensified the allure of the game.

Jammu hosts Pioneering NABARD-organised FPO Mela-Tarang

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JAMMU: In a significant move towards bolstering the agricultural sector, Jammu witnessed the launch of the four-day FPO Mela-Tarang, an event dedicated to celebrate the unity and achievements of Farmer Producers' Organisations (FPOs) across Jammu and Kashmir.

Organized by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in partnership with Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) and Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), the fair commenced on Tuesday at Kala Kendra Jammu and will continue till 15th March 2024.



A dignitary lighting ceremonial lamp.

Tarang Mela serves as a testament to the success of this partnership, providing a platform to FPOs to showcase their diverse range of products, from farm-fresh produce to artisanal crafts. Attendees can expect to peruse stalls brimming with organic fruits

and vegetables, aromatic spices, handcrafted textiles, exquisite handicrafts, and much more - all proudly bearing the mark of FPO excellence.

Bhallaamudi Sridhar, Chief General Manager, NABARD, J&K Regional office inaugurated the fair.

Handball trials from March 14

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JAMMU: To raise the J&K team for the 45th Junior Boys National Handball Championship, organised by the Handball Federation of India (HFI), Amateur Handball Association of J&K shall hold two-day selection trials on March 14 and 15 at S D Sabha School

grounds, Old Rehari, here.

The selected team shall represent UT of J&K at the National championship which is being hosted by Madhya Pradesh Handball Association from March 23 to 27 at Vidisha in MP.

Those players born on or after January 1, 2004 are

only eligible for the selection process. Such players have been advised by the Association to report the given venue at 4 pm on March 14 and 15.

The selection shall be followed by a brief camp at the same venue, a handout issued by the Association here on Tuesday informed.

Elevating J&K Youth Talent: JK SDM contest in full swing

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir, J&K is known for its amazing artistic and cooking skills, now these skills are getting recognized in the Union Territory (UT) through India-Skills competitions. J&K youth is also actively participating in web design, graphic design, software solutions for business, and mobile robotics.

This competition, called India Skills 2023-2024, is happening to make India famous for its skills all around the world. The Jammu and Kashmir Skill Development Mission is leading this effort. In simple terms, the competition is a way for talented people to show off their skills, in beauty therapy, Cooking, Graphic designing Fashion Technology, and technical skills like CNC Turning, Cyber Security. The platform provides youth to showcase their expertise and excellence in diversified skill sets nationally and internationally.



The ongoing state-level competitions 2023-24, a collaborative effort between JKSDM, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) under the Government of India, and the National Skill Development Corporation

(NSDC), are being conducted with the active support of the Skill Development Department in Jammu and Kashmir.

The competitions encompass a wide array of job roles, with the State Level Competition for Refrigeration & Air Conditioning and Beauty Therapy Skill Sets recently taking place on March 12, 2024, at CIIT, Government

Polytechnic Jammu - academic partners to the J&K Skill Development Mission.

Participants from across the UT of J&K engaged in the State Level Competition, a stepping stone to pre-National competitions, National level competitions, and ultimately the World Skills Competitions set to be held in Lyon, France later this year.

Mission Director, J&K Skill Development Mission, Leena Padha said, "JKSDM remains committed to organizing such initiatives, providing opportunities for the youth of J&K. State Level Competitions in 18 skill sets are being conducted at various venues across the UT, where more than 250 candidates will compete to represent J&K in Pre-National and National Level Competitions."

Department of Commerce, JU hosts Chess Competition

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JAMMU: The event management and sports club of the Department of Commerce at the University of Jammu proudly hosted an exhilarating chess competition today, showcasing the intellectual prowess and strategic acumen of its M.Com students.

The competition, which drew participation from a pool of talented individuals, featured four standout contestants: Mansha Mahajan, Shiwani Sharma, Mytri Angral, and Keshav Sharma.

In a display of exceptional skill and determination, Mansha Mahajan and Shiwani Sharma emerged as the victors, demonstrating their mastery over the intricacies of the game.

Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, the esteemed Head of the Department of Commerce, extended warm congratulations to all participants and



especially commended the outstanding performance of Mansha Mahajan and Shiwani Sharma. Their dedication and proficiency exemplify the spirit of excellence that the department continuously fosters among its students.

The event, meticulously coordinated by Dr. Tarsem Lal, Associate Professor in the Department of Commerce, showcased the department's commitment to providing a

holistic educational experience that encompasses both academic rigor and extracurricular engagement. The enthusiasm and support of the department's faculty members, research scholars, and students added to the vibrant atmosphere of the event.

Their presence underscored the sense of community and solidarity that permeates the Department of Commerce at the University of Jammu.

Vision 2024: Pioneering real estate growth in J&K

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JAMMU: In a significant development aimed at bolstering the real estate sector in Jammu and Kashmir, a high-profile meeting was convened on Tuesday at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

The meeting was co-chaired by Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, and Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries.

The participation included a delegation from the National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), signifying a collaborative effort towards the region's real estate growth.

The primary focus of the meeting was to revisit the key outcomes of the Real Estate Summit 1.0, evaluating the current status of its initiatives and strategizing on how to effectively mobilize these for moving forward. This

approach underscores the government's commitment not only towards enhancing the real estate infrastructure in the region but also ensuring sustainable urban development.

The discussions emphasized the need for leveraging the unique potential of Jammu and Kashmir's real estate market, making it more accessible and attractive to investors both nationally and internationally.

The meeting explored various

avenues to stimulate growth in the sector, including easing regulatory processes, enhancing transparency and implementing investor-friendly policies.

Mandeep Kaur and Vikramjit Singh highlighted the government's vision of transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a real estate and industrial hub, capable of contributing significantly towards region's economy. They reiterated the commitment towards working closely

with stakeholders such as NAREDCO to facilitate realization of this vision.

The meeting concluded with a resolution to take proactive steps towards implementation of the discussed strategies to bring out the progressive policies and required changes in the regulatory frameworks making J&K one of the most preferred investment destinations. Besides, roadmap for organizing Real Estate Summit 2.0 was also discussed in the meeting.

Delhi Toofans stun Bengaluru Torpedoes to open Super 5s campaign



Winner team in jubilant mood after winning the match.

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CHENNAI: Delhi Toofans picked up a comprehensive 15-13, 18-16, 17-15 win over the Bengaluru Torpedoes in their first Super 5s game in the third season of the RuPay Prime Volleyball League powered by A23 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, on Monday. Santhosh was named the Player of the Match.

Anand's acrobatics were on display straightaway as the Delhi libero made tremendous saves. But setter Paulo's clever passes to his attackers kept the Torpedoes on level terms. Mujeeb justified his selection in the starting line-up with consecutive blocks on Lazar Dodie, but Santhosh's super serve kept the game wide open. Dhanial Aponza's impressive showing from the middle edged Delhi ahead in the game of small margins. The game turned into a

battle of middles with Mujeeb and Aayush contributing in attacks for their respective sides. Heptinstall found ways to trouble Delhi's defence finding gaps through Aponza, from Zone 4, as the Torpedoes fought back. A couple of block errors from the Torpedoes kept Delhi's spirits up. A crucial error from Heptinstall in attack cost Bengaluru and Delhi took control.

Anand showcased his setting skills on the night, while Santhosh continued to make solid spikes. Ibin's presence provided the Torpedoes a new option in attack, despite Aponza-led three-man block posing a challenge. Saqlain Tariq's clever passing allowed Delhi to attack from all corners of the court, bemusing the Torpedoes defence. Despite Ibin's fight back, Santhosh closed the game with thunderous spikes, helping Delhi get the win.

train at the modern facility for a pretty long time.

The synthetic football turf would go a long way in helping mould young players into professionals.



The Mini Stadium, Parade had a long wait for its formal opening after completion of the playing area and the pavilion. However, those football enthusiasts used to

RO briefed that this initiative is not just fair but a testament to the innovative strategies being employed to support the agricultural community. By bringing together FPOs, the event encourages the exchange of ideas and best practices, enabling farmers to gain insights into new agricultural technologies and market trends. The collaboration with SFAC and ONDC further enhances the fair's ability to connect farmers with broader markets, demonstrating the potential of digital platforms in transforming agricultural marketing.

On this occasion, progressive farmers from Jammu and Kashmir region, also participated in the inaugural event.

Satish Chandra chairs JK RERA-Realtors meet

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JAMMU: In a landmark initiative to bolster the real estate sector's transparency and accountability, the maiden JK RERA-Realtors meet was held on Tuesday at Civil Secretariat, Jammu. The event, held under the Chairmanship of Chairman, JK RERA, Satish Chandra, was also attended by Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur. The meet marks a pivotal step towards aligning the real estate operations within the region with the regulatory framework established by JK RERA. The meeting witnessed an enthusiastic participation from local realty promoters and real estate agents, indicating the sector's eagerness to align with the regulatory mandates. The focus of the meet was to enlighten the attendees about the provisions and requirements of JK RERA and the department has made a detailed presentation on provisions of RERA Act 2016 and J&K RERA Rules 2020. The Chairman, JK RERA, emphasized the importance of compliance with the RERA Act, which is designed to protect the interests of home buyers and enhance the real estate sector's integrity. He highlighted the critical aspects of the Act, including registration of real estate projects, timely project completion and transparent transaction processes. The session facilitated a comprehensive dialogue between the stakeholders, the regulatory body and the government allowing for an exchange of ideas and concerns regarding implementation of JK RERA mandates. The meet also served as a platform for realty promoters and agents to understand their roles and responsibilities in fostering a more organized and accountable real estate market.

The convening of this meet signifies a significant stride towards ensuring a robust regulatory framework for the real estate sector in Jammu and Kashmir, promising a future marked by transparency, accountability and growth.

Dir Agriculture inaugurates first harvest of Himsona tomato variety

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu Arvinder Singh Reen, inaugurated the first harvest of the Himsona tomato variety, here on Tuesday.

The Director picked up these high-quality tomatoes, grown under the controlled conditions of Naturally Ventilated Poly Green House (NVPGH) structure. Speaking on the occasion, the Director said that this marks a significant achievement for the Vegetable Improvement Scheme, showcasing the potential for cultivating advanced and productive tomato varieties in the Jammu region.

He emphasised farmers to cultivate Himsona tomato variety which has high yield potential, long duration variety and good for long distance transportation. During the programme JD Inputs Sanjay Verma, JD Extension Satish Sharma, Agronomist Vegetable Development Scheme Jammu Vikas Padha besides other field staff of vegetable improvement scheme were also present at the inaugural function.



Indian Street Premier League Deepak Dogra's six at crucial stage puts Srinagar Ke Veer in semis

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MUMBAI: Holding his nerves in the pressure-cooker scenario, talented Deepak Dogra struck a massive sixes at a crucial stage when Srinagar Ke Veer needed 10 runs off 4 balls against Chennai Singams to help his team script a thrilling win by 3 wickets and seal berth in the semifinals of the ongoing prestigious Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) at Dadoji Konddev Stadium, Thane, Maharashtra.

Deepak is the only boy from J&K representing iconic film star Akshay Kumar and famous Bollywood actor Sunit Morarjee owned the 'Srinagar Ke Veer' team.

Needing 16 runs in the last over, Lokesh smashed a six off the very first ball and got out on the second one, sending



ing Deepak Dogra to bat, who smashed a six on the very first ball he faced which was the third ball of the over to make the chase easier for his team. Though he was dismissed on the next ball but Srinagar Ke Veer managed a win on the penultimate ball of the over.

Lokesh played a brilliant innings of power-packed 49 runs.

Earlier, batting first, Chennai Singams scored a good total of 109 runs in 10 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process.

Bablu Patil (37) and Sagar Ali (21) were the main contributors. For Srinagar Ke Veer, Bhushan Gole took 3 wickets while Rajesh Sotre claimed one.

Deepak, in the earlier match against Manji Mumbai on the other day, had scored 6-ball 13 with one six and one four. Presently he is batting down the order and he can be more impactful if he is promoted in the batting order by the team management.

Team owner Akshay Kumar and Co-owner Sunit Morarjee appreciated Deepak for his explosive batting.