

RPHQ Jammu organises cricket tournament

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Range Police Headquarters (RPHQ) Jammu organised Knock out Cricket Tournament under the Control and Command of DIG JSK Range, Dr. Sunil Gupta and overall supervision of SO to DIG Jammu Rajinder Singh Katoch, SSP under Civic Action Programme 2023-24 at District Police Lines Kathua.

The tournament was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Shivdeep Singh SSP Kathua in presence SO to DIG Jammu Rajinder Singh Katoch SSP, Addl.SP Kathua Paramjeet Singh and



Chief Guest, Shivdeep Singh SSP Kathua posing with participating team and other officers.

DySP DAR Kathua Subash Chander, Insp. Joginder Chib RI DPL Kathua, Insp. Sunil Sharma SHO Lakhanpur, Insp. Ajay Chib SHO Kathua, SI Bhalwan Singh Lines Officer Kathua, other

dignitaries and general public from surrounding area were also present to boost the morale of the players.

In first match, AJ Cricket Academy Kathua beat VCC Mahanpur by 10 runs and Arjun was declared Man of the Match for scoring 46 runs while in second match Basohli Cricket Club beat United XI Cricket Club Billawar by 12 runs and Nitin was declared Man of the Match for scoring 13 runs and claiming three wickets.

SO to DIG Jammu Rajinder Singh Katoch, while addressing to media,

said that the main motive of J&K Police to organising such a tournament is to encourage youth to stay away from drugs, negative influence and bad company.

He also said that total 08 teams from different locations of district Kathua participated in this tournament and Final Match will be played on March 22.

Committee members of CAP from Range Police Hqrs. Jammu SI Suresh Kumar, ASI Jasbir Singh, SgCt Sudesh Sharma and Jit Kumar were also present for smooth functioning of the tournament.

Jammu Police organises awareness programme on new criminal laws

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An awareness programme regarding the new criminal laws i.e BNS, BNSS & Evidence Act was organised by Jammu Police on Tuesday in B.N College Jammu.

The camp was chaired by SDPO City East Jammu Sheezan Bha accompanied by Incharge Police Post Bhatindi SI Shakeel Ahmed.

The prime objective of the camp was awareness of public regarding amended three new criminal laws i.e BNS, BNSS AND BSA instead of



IPC, CR.PC and Evidence Act.

The camp was attended by large number of students and management of the college.

The chairing officer addressed the public accordingly about the amended three new criminal laws.

Wrestling body Secy asks J&K unit to focus on youngsters



JKISWA officials felicitating Secretary General ISWAI, Gaurav Sachdeva.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Appreciating the affiliated unit in J&K for encouraging and promoting wrestling through traditional Dangals, the Indian Style Wrestling Association of India on Tuesday asked for more focus on youngsters in the rural pockets of the Union Territory.

Interacting with the officials of J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association (JKISWA), visiting Secretary General of the Indian Style Wrestling Association of India, Gaurav Sachdeva also advised the existing body to spread the activities to the rural districts so as to tap the wrestlers at young.

He was of the views that

Indian style wrestling has a lot of scope in J&K thus needs focused and planned futuristic approach.

However, the National secretary general was all praise for the experienced J&K unit for collaborating with local Dangal committees.

Earlier, president of JKISWA, Shiv Kumar Sharma introduced his team with visiting National general secretary amidst a brief note of the activities of the Association.

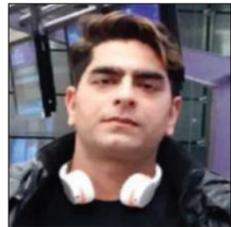
Among others president were Bansi Lal Tidyal (General Secretary), Prithvi Raj Sharma (Treasurer), Mulkh Raj Sharma, Naresh Kumar Sharma, Ram Paul Sharma (all members) and Arvind Sharma.

JKISWA officials felicitating Secretary General ISWAI, Gaurav Sachdeva.

14-yrs on, Shafqat waiting in the wings for BCCI's Level-2 Coaching Course call

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Hailing from teshil Bhandarwah of district Doda, Shafqat Masood Malik, popularly known as Shafqat Baba, is a First Class Cricketer and a BCCI Level-1 qualified Coach of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

Good looking, tall and well built Baba, who always wears a smile on his face, besides having humorous nature, involving people in jokes and pranks, has the distinction of being a top-class motivator, who with his motivational speeches lures youngsters towards the game and makes them



focus hard to achieve their goals.

After attending BCCI's Level-1 Coaching Course at Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh and qualifying the same with merit in the year 2010, Shafqat was appointed as a Coach by the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association

(JKCA) for U-19 Men's team for 2011-12 season. A pace spearhead of a rare kind in Jammu and Kashmir Cricket, Umar Nazir made his debut under Baba's supervision in the same season.

Then ignored for many seasons, Baba was again appointed Bowling Coach of JKCA Men's U-25 team for 2020-21 season by the Administrators presently governing JKCA and the decision proved good for the team as it created history by qualifying for the knock-out stage in U-25 State A (One-Day) Trophy.

Baba was again appointed as the Bowling Coach for

JKCA U-19 Men's team for 2021-22 and the team did reasonably well.

Baba, has the honour of serving as a beacon-light to guide and goad a good number of budding cricketers from Chenab Valley to make it to the higher levels. Talented cricketers like Abid Mushtaq and Henan Malik are a few cricketers to name.

In one of the matches of Vijay Hazare One-Day Trophy against strong Delhi at Dharamshala in January 2005, Baba was brilliant with the ball, removing openers Gautam Gambhir (00) and Shikhar Dhawan (10) along with

Chetanya Nanda (02) to take 3/30 in 7.4 overs, besides scoring 30 runs off 21 balls, struck with 3 fours and 2 sixes.

"I am married to cricket, so, I want to serve the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) as a Coach for a long period of time. I have already done BCCI Level-1 Coaching Course and wish to attend the Level-2 Coaching Course. I have applied for the same and hope I will receive a call as the present Administration is doing a great job in producing quality Coaches. It was not a custom earlier," said Baba.

Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal allotted 'Bansuri' as Election Symbol for 2024 LS polls

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Election Commission of India has allotted "Bansuri (Flute)" as Common Election Symbol in favour of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal for the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha Elections.

Addressing a press conference today at party headquarters at Gandhi Nagar Jammu, Ankur Sharma (Advocate; National President Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal) displayed the communication issued by Election Commission of India allotting "Bansuri (Flute)" as election symbol in favour of all the candidates of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal for the upcoming Lok Sabha 2024 Elections.



National President ESBD, Adv Ankur Sharma talking to reporters at Jammu.

Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal (Earlier Ikk-Jutt Jammu) is a registered Political Party originated in Jammu province, now expanded pan India which is tirelessly working for the empowerment of Jammu Province since a decade now.

Party President Advocate

Ankur Sharma is also on the hit list of terrorist organisations namely Hizbul Mujahideen and others.

Advocate Ankur Sharma is fighting for empowerment of Sanatan Sanskriti & Sabhyata in general and working to prevent and arrest Islamisation of Jammu

Province in particular.

Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal will be soon declaring its candidates for the Jammu Lok Sabha; Kathua-Udhampur Lok Sabha and Rajouri-Poonch-Anantnag Lok Sabha, Ankur said.

Ankur Sharma accompanied by other office bearers of the party namely Tilak (State President); Dakshesh Maharaj (Gen Sec; Org J&K); Manoj Padha (Gen Sec Protocol; J&K); Bablu Sharma (Gen Sec Admn; J&K); Ajay Singh Saini (National President Student Wing) and others appealed people of Jammu Province to vote in favour of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal in the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections by pressing button "Bansuri" on the EVM.

Ananya Dogra to attend BCCI's prestigious High Performance Camp

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: For her splendid display of bowling skills in the Women's U-15 One-Day Trophy this season, right-arm medium pacer, Ananya Dogra of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), has been selected by the All India Junior Selection Committee for the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI's) prestigious High Performance Camp to be held at Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh.

Ananya, has taken 10 wickets in the five Women's U-15 One-Day Trophy league matches, with 4/20 in 6 overs against formidable Karnataka as her best.

Ananya, who bowls military medium stuff, has the distinction of being deceptive



with her variations and has tremendous control on her line and length, helping her to take wickets of better players against stronger oppositions.

Ranked 17th in All India Rankings, Ananya has an impressive economy rate of 2.68.

With her brilliance in bowling and an extraordinary show of skills by her other

team mates, Jammu and Kashmir U-15 Women's One-Day Team, created history by qualifying for the knock-out stage, wherein rain played spoilsport and J&K were unfortunately knocked out without a ball being bowled.

"I am highly thankful to the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association for providing fantastic facilities to all the cricketers at home. I owe my success to JKCA. Now, getting the Indian Selectors' nod has put more responsibility on my shoulders. I will leave no stone unturned in coping up with the situations in future," Ananya maintained.

Describing Ananya as a future prospect, the Sub Committee members of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration, Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development and Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs JKCA, have congratulated the youngster for this achievement.

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DEO Jammu meets bankers ahead of LS polls

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: District Election Officer, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Tuesday held a meeting with various bankers in view of the Lok Sabha Elections.

The DEO discussed the electoral process and the bankers' important role in it. Bankers were instructed to monitor unusual transactions closely and report any suspicious activity.

Sachin Kumar emphasised the importance of adhering to banking norms and maintaining customer privacy. He also enlightened all about the eVIGIL app, which allows the public to report any violations of the Model Code of Conduct or irregularities in the electoral process.

The meeting was also attended by ADDC Sher Singh, ADC Shishir Gupta and LDM Romesh Chander.

IPL to introduce Smart Replay System to bolster speed and accuracy in decision making

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: A Smart Replay System will be introduced in the upcoming IPL to bolster speed and accuracy in decision making.

The TV umpire will get inputs directly from two operators of the Hawk-Eye system who will sit in the same room as him and help with images captured from eight hi-speed cameras placed across the ground, a report in ESPNcricinfo stated.

Under the new system, the role of the TV broadcast director becomes redundant who serves as a conduit between the umpire and the Hawk-Eye operators. The new system will enable the TV umpire to analyse more visuals than before including split-screen images, and will also broadcast live his interactions with the Hawk-Eye operators so that the viewers have clear understanding of the thought process. The system will be able to help the umpire with more and clear visuals from different angles when it comes to judging catches near boundary ropes, caught behind, leg-before, stumping or even those catches which are taken inches off the turf. The BCCI has recently conducted a two-day workshop here for select umpires as about 15 of them, comprising both Indian and overseas umpires, would work with the Smart Replay System in this IPL.

In awe of Rishabh Pant, teen DC keeper-batter Kumar Kushagra aiming to win matches with him

STATE TIMES NEWS
VISA KHAPATNAM: Landing an IPL contract was a dream realised and now Delhi Capitals' teenaged wicketkeeper-batter Kumar Kushagra can't wait to play alongside the likes of Rishabh Pant, who is among the stars he has grown up watching.

The 19-year-old from Jharkhand's Bokaro, who has scored 1245 runs in 19 first-class matches, is currently training under the supervision of the team's head coach Ricky Ponting. He was bought for Rs 7.2 crore by the franchise.

Kushagra along with all-rounder Sumit Kumar, and seasoned domestic batter

Ricky Bhui are the new entrants in the squad.

"I am very excited to be a part of the IPL for the first time. I will get a chance to play with so many big international players, whom I have grown up watching. However, my main aim would be to win games for Delhi Capitals," he said in a press release issued by DC.

"I batted with Rishabh Pant for the first time and he gave me a lot of input on my game. He was playing single-handed shots and hitting sixes. He's hitting the ball well and hopefully, we'll win matches for Delhi Capitals together," he added.

Sumit, who has scored 574 runs and taken 43 wickets in 45 T20s, said his three-year wait for an IPL contract has finally ended. The 28-year-old made his first-class debut in 2019 from Haryana.

"It's been a long journey for me since I started playing cricket at the age of seven. I've been playing well in domestic cricket in the last three years and I was hoping for an IPL contract. It's great to join Delhi Capitals this year," he said.

The 27-year-old Bhui, who has scored 1497 runs in 62 T20s, feels he is peaking at the right time.

CUJ organises a workshop on 'Interview Etiquettes'



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Department of Educational Studies in collaboration with Training and Placement Cell Central University of Jammu (CUJ) organized a workshop on the "Interview Etiquettes". The programme was introduced by Dr Mohan Galgotra, the coordinator of the event and explained how job seekers in this workshop can learn to present themselves for facing interviews in their life. Keeping in mind to groom the job seekers with the essential skills, the department emphasized how the patron of this university, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor of CUJ, is dedicated to provide valuable resources to job seekers in their career advancement journey. Suryansh Dubey, Assistant Training and Placement Officer, as a Resource person guided the students of B.A. B. Ed and M. Ed about the relevance of interviews.

In order to make a positive impact in the interview, he stated how to craft compelling responses to interview questions, showcasing their skills, experiences effectively and how the candidate's body language and vocal tone make a positive impression on interviewers. Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students' Welfare, students and research scholars were present.

Cultural extravaganza, sports events dominate Day-1 of JU's Goonj 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Goonj-2024, a mega festival of Culture, Sports, literary activities, inaugurated on Tuesday by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, witnessed a vibrant display of sports and cultural activities, showcasing the immense talent pool within the youth of Jammu.

The participants from the University and its affiliated colleges, Cluster University of Jammu and its constituent colleges, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, and Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, took part in a series of competitive events.

Participants engaged in a diverse range of activities, from sports competitions to cultural performances, reflecting the rich cultural

heritage and sporting prowess of the region.

In the cultural category, a myriad of events, including photography, Indian group song, poster making, light vocal, and skit competitions captivated audiences.

In sports category, Students participated in the competitive events of Volleyball (M), Handball (W), Kabaddi (M), Football (W), Kho-Kho (W), Kho-Kho (M) and Basketball (M).

Sports Results
Volleyball (M): SMVDU Katra beat BGSSBU Rajouri by 2-0 (25-11, 25-23); GDC Ramgarh beat GDC Kunjwani by 2-0 (25-17, 25-23); Cluster University of Jammu beat GDC Kathua by 2-0 (25-11, 25-09); SMVDU Katra beat PG Deptt. JU by



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials at JU.

2-1 (25-23, 21-25, 15-11); GDC Ramgarh beat GDC Banihal by 2-1 (25-13, 23-25, 15-12). Quarter Finals: Cluster University Jammu beat GDC Khour by 2-0 (25-23, 25-17).
Kabaddi (M): GDC Bhabadwah beat BGSSBU Rajouri by 10 points (20-10); SMVDU Katra beat GDC

Poonch by 12 points (24-12); Cluster University of Jammu beat GDC Doda by 07 points (17-10); PG Deptt. JU beat SMVDU Katra by 12 points (22-10); GDC Samba beat GDC Bhandarwah by 08 points (18-10); and Cluster University of Jammu beat GDC Kathua by 16 points (30-24).

Handball (W): GCW Parade beat GCW Udhampur by 8-1 goals.
Football (W): SMVDU Katra beat GDC Kathua by 2-1 goals; and SMVDU Katra beat PG. Deptt. JU by 2-0 goals.
Kho-Kho (W): GCW Parade beat SMVDU Katra by 05 (10-05); GDC Jindrah beat

GDC Billawar by 10 points (20-10); GDC Ramnagar beat GCW Parade by 06 points (16-10); GDC Kathua beat GDC Jindrah by 02 points (12-10).
Kho-Kho (M): PG. Deptt. JU beat SMVDU Katra by 10 points (16-06); GDC Samba beat BGSSBU Rajouri by 02 points (12-10); GDC Kathua beat GDC Samba by 07 points (17-10).
Basketball (M): GCET Jammu beat Cluster University of Jammu with match score (61-54); SMVDU Katra beat BGSSBU Rajouri with match score (33-2); GDC Kathua beat GDC Kunjwani with match score (65-36); PG. Deptt. JU beat GDC Kathua with match score (58-49); and PG. Deptt. JU beat SMVDU Katra with

match score (51-49).
The winners of these events will be awarded during the valedictory function scheduled for March 20, 2024.
Later in the day, while interacting with the participating students from various Universities and Colleges, Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor JU commended the efforts of students for exhibiting their talent.
He appreciated the camaraderie and sportsmanship of the participating teams and hoped that they will showcase their best talent.
Emphasizing the significance of Goonj 2024 as a platform for nurturing talent and fostering a culture of excellence in both cultural pursuits and sports endeavors, Prof Rai said the mega event offers

a unique opportunity to students to showcase their abilities in varied fields on a larger canvas.
"Sky being the limit for talent, I am confident that each participant will put in their best to excel in the chosen field", the Vice Chancellor said, exuding confidence that they will emerge as role models for others to emulate.
In addition to the competitions, the teaching departments of the University of Jammu, affiliated colleges and Cluster University of Jammu seized the opportunity to showcase their best practices. They presented their innovative approaches through poster presentations, PPTs, and banners, highlighting their contributions to academics and research.