

Secretary Sports Council inaugurates 35th J&K Junior Volleyball Championship



President VAJK Sidharth Daluja presenting memento to Secretary JKSC Nuzhat Gul; Secretary interacting with players and volleyball match in progress at 35th J&K UT Junior Volleyball Championship in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 3-day 35th J&K UT Junior Volleyball Championship for boys and girls was declared open by Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council at M.A Stadium, here on Friday.

Speaking on the opening ceremony of the championship Secretary Sports Council underlined the importance of sports among youth in carrying various awareness programmes initiated by the Government for their well being and overall development.

Appreciating the role of all office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K headed by Sidharth Daluja President VAJK in nurtur-

ing and promoting volleyball game in every nook and corner of JKUT through their established district volleyball units, Secretary exhorted other sports associations/sports lovers to get inspiration from the Association for spreading their activities in far flung areas of JKUT.

The Secretary recalled the contribution of international volleyball players who are sons of soil namely Saqlain Tariq, Kartik Sharma, Mannat Choudhary, Shadab Shameem and Mahir Wani for scaling new heights in the arena of volleyball at national and international levels glorifying the pride of JK UT.

The Secretary also expressed her gratitude to the players/coaches association for creating new history in 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship held at M.A Stadium Jammu in the year 2022-23 by securing bronze medal for the first time in Boys section.

Earlier welcoming the dignitaries, Vijay Kumar Magotra General Secretary VAJK gave an account of three-day championship which is spread over in two venues focusing on completion of as many as 60 matches during the championship.

He also disclosed that the association conducts two JK UT level championships one for seniors and other for juniors unlike other sports asso-

ciation of JK UT.

He also assured the dignitaries that the players and participants would leave no stone unturned in highlighting the issues of My Vote My Youth, My Youth My Pride, FIT India, Drug Abuse, Save Water etc. on their return to their respective areas all across JK UT.

Sidharth Daluja, President VAJK honoured Nuzhat Gul Secretary J&K Sports Council with a memento along with other dignitaries Balvinder Singh Divisional Sports Officer, Suraj Bhan Singh Manager Indoor complex on the occasion.

Amongst dignitaries Manmeet Singh Amn President Jammu District

Volleyball Association, Ashok Padha President Udhampur District Volleyball Association, Kuldeep Magotra CEO, H.S Gill Vice President, Ramesh Sharma Treasurer, Mohd. Tariq Joint Secretary, Akbar Ali Office Secretary, Suresh Chib, Veena Kumari, Manpreet Kour members of Volleyball Association of J&K, Rajeev Dogra (Rtd.) SAI Volleyball coach, Prateek Kumar SAI Volleyball coach, Naresh Kumar volleyball coach and large number of member of various sports association were present on the occasion.

The matches are being conducted by a panel of recognized referees of Volleyball

Federation of India and State referees Amarjeet Singh, Mulkhraj Sharma, Amit Sharma, Neeraj Sharma, Intizar Ali, Mohd. Shabir, Sidharth Hussain, Wasim Akram, Parvinder Singh, Manzoor, Jagit Singh, Shah Faisal, Abdul Qayoom.

Today's Results
MEN: Jammu beat Kishtwar 2-0 (25-09, 25-06); Poonch beat Doda 2-0 (26-9, 25-10); Ramban beat Anantnag 2-1(21-25, 25-20, 15-7); Kathua beat Budgam 2-0 (25-10, 25-12); Rajouri beat Bandipora 2-0 (25-2, 25-11); Ganderbal beat Pulwama 2-0 (23-25, 25-18,15-11); Samba beat Shopian 2-0 (25-16, 25-22); Srinagar beat

Baramulla 2-0 (25-19, 25-17); Jammu beat Kupwara 2-0 (25-12, 25-06); Poonch beat Kulgam 2-1 (25-13, 24-26, 15-10); Anantnag beat Udhampur 2-0 (25-18, 25-19); Bandipora beat Kishtwar 2-1 (18-25, 25-22, 15-12); Pulwama beat Doda 2-0 (25-14, 25-13);

WOMEN: Jammu beat Poonch 2-0 (25-12, 25-15); Udhampur beat Budgam 2-0 (25-05, 25-10); Rajouri beat Anantnag 2-1(25-18, 19-25, 15-7); Srinagar beat Ganderbal 2-0 (25-17, 25-11); Jammu beat Samba 3-0 (25-12, 25-18, 25-09); Baramulla beat Poonch 2-1 (25-23, 25-27, 15-8); Samba beat Rajouri 2-0 (25-14, 25-15).

25th Sub Junior National Fencing Championship concludes with impressive performances by J&K



Medal winner players posing for a photographs.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 25th Sub Junior National Fencing Championship, held from March 25th to 28th in Rajamundry, witnessed a display of remarkable talent and skill from young fencers across the country. Among the standout performers was Antalya

Jamwal, who clinched a silver medal in the girls' Sabre Individual event, showcasing her prowess and determination on the fencing strip.

Antalya's impressive performance was a testament to her dedication and hard work in mastering the intricate art of fencing. Her sil-

ver medal win in the Sabre Individual category added to the excitement and competitive spirit of the championship.

In addition to Antalya's achievement, the Jammu and Kashmir contingent also secured medals in team events. The boys' Sabre Team Event saw a bronze

medal victory, with the team consisting of Dev Karan, Harnidh Singh, Vansh Raina, and Vinayak Sharma showcasing their collective strength and strategic prowess.

Similarly, the girls' Sabre Team Event witnessed another bronze medal triumph for the J&K team.

Antalya Jamwal, along with teammates Sabrena Choudhary, Eknoor Kour, and Shrija Bali, displayed exceptional teamwork and skill to secure a podium finish in the team event.

Rashid Ahmed, the Convener of the Adhoc Committee for Fencing in Jammu and Kashmir,

expressed pride in the performance of the state's fencers at the national championship. "Antalya's silver medal and the team's bronze medals highlight the talent and potential of our young fencers," said Ahmed. "We are committed to further nurturing and supporting their journey in the sport."

The Adhoc Committee for Fencing in J&K, led by Rashid Ahmed and supported by members like Maninder Pal Singh and Advocate Supriya Chouhan, continues to work towards promoting and developing fencing talent in the region. The success at the Sub Junior National Fencing Championship serves as a motivating factor for aspiring fencers and underscores the growing presence of Jammu and Kashmir in the national fencing arena.

Arun calls on Andaman secretary Meshwak



STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: International footballer from J&K and member technical committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF), Arun Malhotra called on general secretary of Andaman and Nicobar at Port Blair. Both the football officials discussed the current position of Indian football at the world stage and growing love and passion for the game within the country. Earlier, Andaman and Nicobar secretary told the visiting AIFF official about the grass-root programme and positive results thereof. Arun also informed Meshwak about growing infrastructure for the game in his home UT of J&K and ever growing number of professional clubs in Kashmir. The AIFF official explained in detail the support system of the National body for the state units across the country so as to boost the game at the grassroots level.

Aarav Mahajan selected for NCA Camp

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Hailing from Jammu and representing the Cricket Association of Uttarakhand (CAU) in the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI's) domestic tournaments, talented right-handed batsman Aarav Mahajan has been selected to attend the National Cricket Academy (NCA) Camp to be held in Rajkot in Gujarat from April 26 to May 22, 2024.

Aarav has got the nod of Junior National Selectors' for his outstanding performance in both Under-19 Men's Vinoo Mankad (One-Day) and Cooch Behar (Multi-Day) Tournaments.

While missing a few Cooch Behar Trophy matches during the season due to unavoidable reasons, promising Aarav has scored around 800 runs, with 3 centuries and 3 half-centuries. He scored 2 centuries and two half-centuries in Cooch Behar Trophy and one century and a half-century in Vinoo Mankad Trophy.

It is pertinent to mention here that Aarav, who apart from U-19 Trophy also represented Uttarakhand in U-23 Men's Tournament last season, had also made it to the NCA Camp for his fabulous show with the willow in 2022-23 season also.



Abrol calls for channelizing youth energy in right direction NSF Legends outclass Press Club XI to claim 2nd Trimurti Balidan T20 Cricket Cup

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: NSF Legends played brilliantly and out-classed Press Club Jammu XI to lift the winner's Cup of Second Trimurti Balidan Cricket T20 Tournament, the final of which was played on Friday at Jammu University Ground, here.

Former member BCCI and Joint Secretary JKNC, Anshu Abrol was the chief guest at the concluding ceremony. Dr. Vikas Sharma Zonal Secretary JKNC, Presided over the function.

Sr. Journalist Vishal Bharti, Gobind Chouhan and Dinesh Mahajan were the guest of honour.

This was stated by Anshu



A player receiving trophy.

Abrol, while paying tributes to great leaders who have sacrificed their lives in making India free from British rulers.

He appreciated the National Secular Forum (NSF) for organizing such

events which promote a sense of competitiveness among youth and also an occasion to pay befitting tributes to the martyr trio of Indian freedom struggle.

While lavishing praise on the organisers for holding

the event in a fabulous way in the memory of great soldiers of the nation. He said such events serve a twin purpose of promoting sports and enhancing peace, integrity and harmony.

Also speaking, Dr Vikas Sharma appreciated the sportsmanship of all the participating teams. He mentioned that the tournament was being organized every year by the National Secular Forum (NSF) to pay homage to the great martyrs who laid down their lives in the prime of their youth.

The tournament is being held under the overall supervision of Vikshay Vashist,

Secretary of NSF who is being assisted by Mohd. Umar Farooq President University Unit, Abhishek Uppal, Roshan Sharma, Vineet Gupta and Aditya Kargotra Working President University Unit.

Earlier, Press Club XI won the toss and elected to bat first. In stipulated 20 overs, Press Club batsmen put a score of 150 runs on the scoreboard. The disciplined bowling of NSF Legends was spearheaded by Dr. Vikas Sharma who claimed 3 wickets giving away just 14 runs in a spell of 3 overs. Ashok and Danish also claimed 2 wickets apiece.

For Press Club, Rajesh

Sharma was the top scorer who made a fighting 55 runs. He was ably supported by few others but could not convert starts into big scores.

NSF chased the required total in 16.3 overs scoring 153 runs. Vishal was adjudged man of the match for playing a brilliant innings of 48 in just 28 deliveries. Rupesh Kumar was adjudged as Man of the Series for delivering outstanding performances throughout the tournament.

The proceedings of the valedictory function were conducted by Vikshay, while Dr Vishal Singh presented vote of thanks.

Mehndi competition held under SVEEP campaign to promote voter awareness

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: As part of the ongoing Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign, a vibrant Mehndi competition was organized for Anganwadi workers at the Anganwadi centre Panchayat, Rathian East, here on Friday.

The event aimed to foster voter awareness with slogans like "Let Us Vote and Let Us Build Our Nation", was held under the guidance of District Election Officer Udhampur; Saloni Rai.

A multitude of enthusiastic female Anganwadi workers participated, showcasing their artistic prowess by adorning their hands with intricate designs and empowering messages. The competition served as a platform to



Mehndi competition under SVEEP

urge women to exercise their voting rights in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections 2024. Participants infused their Mehndi designs with sym-

bols representing electoral participation, civic duty, and democratic principles, enhancing both the aesthetic and the message of the event.

Narine, Salt, Iyers' quartet dominate Kohli's radiance as KKR outplays RCB

STATE TIMES NEWS
BENGALURU: The quartet of Sunil Narine, Phillip Salt, Venkatesh Iyer and skipper Shreyas Iyer's fireworks with the willow overwhelmed brilliant Virat Kohli's radiance with the bat as Kolkata Knight Riders registered a resounding 7-wicket victory over Royal Challengers Bangalore in the ongoing 17th Edition of Indian Premier League (IPL) at Chinnaswamy Stadium Bengaluru, today.

Chasing a good total of 182 runs, Kolkata Knight Riders surpassed the target easily in 16.5 overs by losing 3 wickets, thus winning the match by 7 wickets.

Venkatesh Iyer top scored with quick-fire 50 runs off



30 balls, studded with 3 fours and 4 sixes, while Sunil Narine contributed power-packed 47 runs off just 22 balls with 2 fours and 5 sixes. Skipper Shreyas Iyer remained unbeaten on 39 runs off 24 balls with 2 fours and 2 sixes, while opener Phillip Salt contributed 30 runs

off 20 deliveries with 2 fours and 2 sixes. Rinku Singh remained unbeaten on 5 off equal number of balls.

For RCB, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Yash Dayal and Mayank Dagar claimed one wicket each.

Earlier, put into bat, Royal Challengers

Bangalore scored a good total of 182 runs in 20 overs, losing 6 wickets in the process.

SCOREBOARD	
ROYAL CHALLENGERS BENGALURU	
Virat Kohli not out	83
Faf du Plessis (c) c Stare b Harshit Rana	08
Cameron Green b Russell	33
Glenn Maxwell c Singh b Narine	28
Rajat Patidar c Singh b Russell	03
Anuj Rawat † c †Salt b Harshit Rana	03
Dinesh Karthik run out (†Salt)	20
Extras	04
Total	182/6
KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS	
Phil Salt † c Green b Vyshak	30
Sunil Narine b Dagar	47
Venkatesh Iyer c Kohli b Yash Dayal	50
Shreyas Iyer (c) not out	39
Rinku Singh not out	05
Extras	15
Total	186/3