

# Anti Drug Veterans T-20 League Cricket Tournament begins

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JAMMU: DIG JKS Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma along with Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Chairman Team Jammu, inaugurated Anti Drug Veterans T-20 League Cricket Tournament, organized by the Ludhiana Brothers in collaboration with Team Jammu.

During his address, DIG Shiv Kumar Sharma said drugs abuse is a serious threat to the society and had to be completely eradicated. Preventive steps should be taken to ensure that no one uses drugs. He said that police has been several legal steps to prevent drug abuse.

The police are taking strict action against those



DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua range, Shiv Kumar Sharma at the inaugural of Anti-Drug Veterans Cricket League at MA Stadium in Jammu on Monday.

involved in spreading drug Mafia among our youth, but we need the support of locals to fight this together as a society, he said and

appealed to parents to counsel their children against drugs.

Zorawar Singh stated, "Drug addiction is a grow-

ing menace that destroys lives and the very fabric of society. A life rooted in devotion and spirituality not only keeps us away from harmful influences but also provides the inner strength and clarity needed to face life's challenges."

Zorawar lashed out at Pakistan for pumping in drugs through drug mafia with sinister designs to exploit our youth. He also added that police undoubtedly doing a great job by seizing contrabands of drugs worth multi-crore being smuggled outside the state but the sad affair is that the big fishes, who are running the trade are still at large and succeeding in their nefarious designs.

Earlier, the chief organizer Randeep Manhas (Proprietor) Ludhiana Brothers) presented welcome address and assured the gathering that Ludhiana brothers will continue such sports activities across Jammu and motivated youth to "Say No to Drugs" and "Yes to Sports".

In opening match, Jandyal Group XI Cricket Club beat Janta Sports Cricket Club by 9 wickets and Atul was declared the man of the match. The second match was played between Elight XI Cricket Club and Jammu Enterprises Cricket Club. Elight XI Club amassed 119/8 in 20 overs and Jammu Enterprises won the match by 8 wickets.

# Om Parmarth Jai Parmarth Trust organises 11th Langar

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JAMMU: Om Parmarth Jai Parmarth Trust organized its 11th Langar on Monday, serving Prasad to more than a thousand people. The noble initiative continues to fulfill the trust's vision of ensuring that no one in the region goes hungry.

Speaking on the occasion, Trust Chairman Sandeep Singh Manhas said, "Our target for this year is to organize 100 Langars, and we have successfully completed our 11th one today. With the blessings of Shri Hanuman, everything is going smoothly. Our vision is to eliminate hunger in our area. If God grants us more strength, we aim to establish a 24x7 Langar



Trust members serving Langar.

service in the future through our trust."

The event was graced by Vice Chairman Ambica Manhas, Vice President Kamla Sharma, Treasurer Rimpay Sharma, Secretary Nitin Singh, Coordinators Sindhu Jyoti Sharma and

Narinder Sharma, along with other members including Rajesh Sharma, Nikhil Sharma, Akhil Sharma, Balwan Singh, Samar Pratap Singh, Shugdev Singh, Samrat Singh, Shiganya Sharma and Siddhi Sharma.

# Poonch boys emerge Kabaddi champion



Organisers along with winner team posing for photograph.

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UDHAMPUR: Boys from remote district of Poonch bagged boys' title in the 23rd Sub-Junior UT Kabaddi Championship, which was organised by the Udhampur District Kabaddi Association under the aegis of J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association and J&K Sports Council at Indoor Complex, Subash Stadium, here on Monday.

In the title clash, Poonch defeated Baramulla 43-27 to claim the maiden title.

Earlier, in the semifinals, Baramulla beat Budgam 53-47 and Poonch outplayed Udhampur 40-24.

Technical Director of Asian Kabaddi Federation, Kuldeep Gupta was the chief guest in the valedictory function, who presented the winners and runners-up titles. Ashok Kumar Salhotra, former Director Sports SMVD Katra and senior vice president of School Games Federation of India was guest of honour.

Among other prominent

present were Sheikh Tanveer, president Udhampur District Kabaddi Association; Ashok Kumar (chairman); Abdul Rehman Paddar (joint secretary J&K Kabaddi Association); Vikas Dogra (Manager Subash Stadium) and Vishal Bamotra. The championship held under the guidance of Anil Gupta, president J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association and Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul.

President of the hosts association, Sheikh Tanveer thanked all team coaches, district administration, Police Department, officials of Department of Youth Services and Sports, Manager Sports SMVD Udhampur; Dr. Vikram Gulati Principal Happy Model School Udhampur and Vishal Bamotra (owner Vikas Palace and 99 Market) for the cooperation and support.

Important to mention here that the girls title trophy went to district Jammu.

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JAMMU: To pay tributes to former Divisional Sports Officer (DSO) of J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Arun Kumar on his birth anniversary, Arun Sharma Sports and Social Welfare Trust organised day-long UT Level Open Weightlifting Competition in collaboration with J&K Weightlifting Association at Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here on Monday.

In the closing function, Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Rajeshwar Singh was chief guest, who in the presence of other distinguished guests present the medals and other prizes. He appreciated the organising team.

Among others present were DySP, Daljit Singh; general secretary of J&K Weightlifting Association (JKWA), Yudhvir Singh; retired DSO of JKSC, Ravi Singh; weightlifting coaches,

# Arun Trust holds Weightlifting meet



Trust members along with bodybuilders posing for photograph.

Dr. Dhanraj Singh Slathia and Akash Virdiya; Inderal Singh and retired sports officer (DYSS), Rajesh Chander Vaid.

Earlier, the event was declared open by Director Sports, University of Jammu (JU), Dr. Dawood Iqbal Baba. Chairman KAWA Institute, Mohinder Singh Katoch and Divisional Sports Officer (DSO),

Baljinder Singh were guests of honour.

Among other special guests present were DySP Headquarters, Farah; SHO Women Cell, Inspector Anita Thakur; CEO Jammu, JK Padma and Principal SRML Higher Secondary School, Dr. Kishore Sharma.

The Results:  
WOMEN: 45 kg: Akshara Kumari, Ist; Iehcha Sodhi,

2nd and Manvi, 3rd. 49 kg: Sameksha Dubey, Ist; Anuradha, 2nd and Avni Angotra, 3rd. 55 kg: Riya Mehra, Ist; Heena Sanjwal, 2nd and Niharika Chandal, 3rd. 59 kg: Priya Kumari, Ist; Sakshi Sharma, 3rd. 64 kg: Lakshi Devi, Ist. 71 kg: Palak Manhas, Ist; Ritika Pajnoo, 2nd and Megha, 3rd. 76 kg: Kavya Sharma, Ist and Maseeba Kouser, 2nd. 81

kg: Anya Rakwal, Ist. 87 kg: Kavshiki Sharma, Ist and Chahat Singh, 2nd. Plus 87 kg: Sharoon James, Ist; Raghuvi Singh, 2nd and Nandhi Sharma, 3rd.

MEN: 55 kg: Tanesh Koushal, Ist; Mahesh Kumar, 2nd and Rohit Sharma, 3rd. 61 kg: Vasu Sharma, Ist; Anil Kumar, 2nd and Karanjot Singh, 3rd. 67 kg: Krish Saini, Ist; Sourab Sharma, 2nd and Bhupinder Singh, 3rd. 73 kg: Kewal Singh, Ist. 81 kg: Sohail Abbas, Ist; Sahil Sharma, 2nd and Sujal Salgotra, 3rd.

89 kg: Vishav Vir Singh, Ist; Rohit Rajput, 2nd and Prince Kumar, 3rd. 96 kg: Pankaj Kumar, Ist; Anmol Singh, 2nd and Uday Sharma, 3rd. 102 kg: M Choudhary, Ist; Gokul Takaya, 2nd and Yogeshwar Singh, 3rd. Plus 109 kg: Taranjeet Singh, Ist; Jatin Mehra, 2nd and Aryan Jamwal, 3rd.

# Sprawling Buds donates Rs 1 lakh to Sightless girls school



Arti Sharma, Chairperson of Sprawling Buds handing over cheque to Sightless girls school management.

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JAMMU: Sprawling Buds ICSE School, a prominent unit of Takshila Educational Trust, donated Rs. One Lakh to Louis Braille Memorial Residential School for Sightless Girls in Roop Nagar, here.

This generous contribution will support the enhancement of educational resources and facilities for visually impaired girls, promoting their empowerment and inclusion in society.

The donation was officially presented during a heartfelt assembly at Louis Braille Memorial Residential School for Sightless Girls by Arti Sharma, Chairperson of Sprawling Buds ICSE School and Rahul Sharma, president of Takshila Educational Trust.

Prof. Kusum Lata Malik, president of the Federation of the Blind, Aparajitha Arora and Mohinder Kumar graciously received the cheque on behalf of Louis

Braille Memorial Residential School for sightless girls. Ram Dass Dubey, President Confederation of Physical Challenged Organization was also present on the occasion.

In her address, Arti Sharma emphasized the school's commitment to nurture not just academically proficient students but also socially responsible citizens. "We believe that education should go hand in hand with empathy and social commitment. Our contribution

reflects our dedication to supporting the education and development of children with special needs," she stated.

Rahul Sharma said, "Supporting educational institutions for specially abled children is essential for fostering an inclusive society. We hope this donation will enhance the learning experience for these young girls and inspire them to pursue their aspirations."

Prof. Kusum Lata Malik expressed her gratitude for the generous donation, saying, "This contribution will significantly impact the resources available at Louis Braille Memorial Residential School for Sightless Girls. We are thankful to Sprawling Buds ICSE School and Takshila Educational Trust for their support and commitment to empowering visually impaired individuals."

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JAMMU: KC Public School (KCPS) has recently been recognized for its outstanding commitment to sustainability at the National Green School Ranking - 2024.

The prestigious ranking aligned with UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership, which evaluates schools across the country and abroad based on their eco-friendly practices and policies, has placed KCPS at 10th rank out of 4500 top schools from Indian and abroad at the award ceremony which took place in New York, USA.

The award presented by Green Mentors recognizes KCPS's exceptional commitment to the future of Pupils and the Planet through exemplary Green Education Practices and in creating a sustainable and environ-

mentally friendly learning environment for its students.

Green Mentors is a non-government responsible education solution provider organization with special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

With its lush green campus, KC Public School boasts of implementing energy-efficient practices and waste reduction programs.

KCPS has implemented a wide range of initiatives such as The Green Fortnight, Hydroponics, Plogging, Composting etc. to reduce its carbon footprint and promote environmental awareness among its students.

The school's success at the National Green School Ranking serves as a reminder that KCPS is dedi-

cated to instilling a sense of environmental responsibility in its students.

"We are thrilled to be recognized for our efforts in promoting sustainability and green practices at KC Public School," said Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra.

"This achievement is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our staff, students, and community members who have all played a role in making our school more environmentally friendly," he added.

The school management expressed its appreciation for the exceptional work done by the school communi-

ty in promoting sustainable practices at KC Public School.

"By integrating sustainability practices into everyday learning, KC Public School has aligned itself with the Prime Minister's mission towards sustainability, often referred to as "Mission LiFE" (Lifestyle for Environment), which aims to promote an environmentally conscious lifestyle through a global movement, encouraging individuals to adopt sustainable practices and reduce their environmental impact," Chairman Raju Chowdhary commented.

# Bar Association Poonch delegation discusses key issues with CJ



Delegation of Bar Association Poonch calling on Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan in Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: A delegation from the Bar Association Poonch, led by its President Adv. Sunil Sharma, met with Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Tashi Rabstan, to discuss key issues affecting the legal fraternity in Poonch. The meeting focused on addressing infrastructural and administrative challenges, including Completion of the Bar Room Building, Construction of Advocate Chambers, Upgradation of space for litigants, Functioning of canteen and Upscaling of library facilities.

Other notable attendees included Justice Puneet Gupta, Administrative

Judge Poonch, M.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Justice, and Mr. Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, High Court. The Hon'ble Chief Justice gave a patient hearing to the concerns raised by the Bar Association and assured the delegation that necessary measures would be taken to ensure the completion of pending works at the earliest.

The delegation comprising of Adv. Jahangir Khan (Vice-President), Adv. Tahir Aftab (General Secretary), and Adv. Kafait Qazi (Joint Secretary) expressed their gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Justice for his time and assurance.

# Multi-Speciality medical camp organised by People's Hut Foundation

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JAMMU: People's Hut Foundation in collaboration with the Indian Army conducted a "Free Medical Camp" at Government High School Sarote, Jammu and was supported by Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity Jammu.

The camp was inaugurated by Ramesh Kumar Bhan (HM of GHS Sarote) and the main aim of conducting this medical camp was to provide essential free health care services to the villagers in the Area.

The People's Hut Foundation headed by Dr. Rohit Koul and Dr. Ritu Koul which is a national level registered NGO registered with Govt of India & Niti Aayog brought together a team of dedicated health care professionals who volunteered to offer medical consultations.

The medical camp themed "Mobile Health Clinic Program" saw an overwhelming participation where 348 patients availed the free services from the camp. In addition to medical consultation in Gynaecology,

Orthopaedics, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Pathology, General medicine, Oncology, Clinical Psychology the camp also provided free Allopathic

Cygnus JK Medicity and Group Director Ujala Cygnus Emergency and Trauma in collaboration with People's Hut Foundation. It received a

and CTM People's Hut Foundation), Dinesh Sharma (Marketing and Sales Head at Ujala Cygnus Jammu), Mehra Masood



Foundation members along with participants during the camp.

and Ayush Medicines along with basic health screening and awareness about Nutrition, Hygiene and preventive care.

The Directorate of Ayush also participated in the camp and was represented by Medical Officers Dr. Dheeraj Raina, Dr. Sushil Kumar Bhat and Dr. Supriya Thakur along with other Ayush Staff.

A special ECHS service camp for the people and nearby villages was also organized by Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity under the guidance of Dr. Harneet Singh, MD - Ujala

great response from the ex Serviceman.

Team of doctors and supporting staff who participated and provided their services in the camp were Dr. Muskan Sarwar Khan (Medical Officer), Dr. Fozia Khan (Medical Officer), Dr. Dheeraj Raina (Medical Officer), Dr. Sushil Kumar Bhat (Medical Officer), Dr. Supriya Thakur (Medical Officer), Shivani (Nursing Officer), Vijay Sharma (Pharmacist), Sunita Bhat (Head- HR and Admin. - People's Hut Foundation), Vikas Koul (Chief Advisor

Dar (Marketing and Sales Officer at Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity)

The village elders and Ex-Servicemen of the area of responsibility conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army, People's Hut Foundation, Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity and Directorate of Ayush for organising the multi-disciplinary camp.

The representatives of People's Hut Foundation, Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity, Directorate of Ayush including doctors and Paramedical Staff were also felicitated by the Indian army.

# General EDP training programme concludes at SBI RSETI Jammu



SBI RSETI along with participants posing for photograph.

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JAMMU: A Training Program of General Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) conducted by SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI-RSETI) Jammu concluded at RSETI Roop Nagar, Jammu, in which 21 candidates from different parts of Jammu District participated.

On this occasion, function was organized in which certificates of participation were distributed by Mohd Sadiq, District Officer, J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board, (JKKVIB) Jammu and Bikanrajit Singh, Director SBI RSETI Jammu. He elaborated that JKREGP Scheme is a new credit linked subsidy scheme launched by Govt. of UT of Jammu & Kashmir which is being implemented by J&K Khadi & Village Industries Board Jammu and a 35% Subsidy is being routed through J&K Bank for eventual distribution to the beneficiaries in their bank accounts.

He also motivated the candidates to successfully start their business ventures after getting the loan disbursed from the banks. Bikanrajit Singh, also assured them to extend every possible help from RSETI in future. He also encouraged the candidates to open their self employment business ventures with the help of JKREGP Scheme and also motivated them to be a successful entrepreneur by generating employment at their ventures. He wished them good luck in their future endeavor.

Director, RSETI, Bikanrajit Singh maintained that SBI RSETI Jammu which is aimed at skill building of prospective small entrepreneurs / borrowers specially for rural youth, is unique as it is intensive short term residential self employment training programme with free food and accommodation designed especially for unemployed rural youth. He motivated the candidates to stand on their own, after completion of the training programme.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Shalhu Sharma Faculty, SBI RSETI Jammu.