

J&K Police Central Water Sports Team felicitated for outstanding performance



ADGP Armed Police J&K, Anand Jain and DIG, IRP Sarah Rizvi Jammu along with team.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Armed Police J&K, along with Sarah Rizvi, DIG, IRP Jammu, on Thursday felicitated players of the J&K Police Central Water Sports Team for their exceptional achievements

at various National level Championships. The event was attended by the players who have recently won multiple medals for their remarkable performances. In his address, ADGP Armed Police Anand Jain welcomed the participants and congratulated them for

their outstanding performances at the National-level Championships. He highlighted the team's recent achievement of winning one Silver, and four Bronze medals at the 24th All India Police Water Sports Championship-2025 held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from

17th - 21st February 2025. Appreciating the dedication of the J&K Police Central Water Sports team, the ADGP assured the players that all the necessary resources and equipment would be provided to help further enhance their performance

es in the upcoming events. ADGP Armed also acknowledged the vital role played by the supervisory officers and coaches in nurturing and refining the talents of the players, emphasising their hard work and commitment to the success of the team. In conclusion, Anand Jain expressed his confidence that the team would continue to bring honour to Jammu & Kashmir Police with their future achievements. He reaffirmed that the department would provide all the necessary facilities and support to ensure the team's continued excellence in water sports. The felicitation ceremony was also attended by Dalip Kumar SSP, Staff officer to ADGP Armed and other officers.

Maharaja Whiteline launches new range of air coolers in Jammu



Officials during the launch ceremony in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Maharaja Whiteline, a brand of the French MNC Groupe SEB, has launched a new range of air coolers in Jammu. The launch event took place on Thursday at Hotel KC Residency, in the presence of Jammu distributor, West House Inc, led by Saksham Mahajan.

The event was attended by North India R.M. Navneet Bhatnagar, Greater Punjab Branch Manager Manav Mahajan, J&K Senior Sales Manager Satish Wazir; and Marketing Development Manager (North & East) Vishal Kumar, along with the regional sales team. A significant highlight of the event was the introduc-

tion of these air coolers at affordable prices, along with a 0% Bajaj Finance facility, making them accessible to all. The company emphasized that this launch will provide great relief to the people of Jammu, helping them combat the upcoming summer heat in a budget-friendly manner.

J&K thrashes formidable Punjab to lift 15th NZ Softball C'ship title

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FATEHGARH: Thrashing formidable Punjab by four homes to one (4-1) in the summit clash, the strong Jammu and Kashmir men's team lifted the title trophy of 15th North Zone Softball Championship at Shri Guru Granth Sahab World University, Fatehgarh in Punjab.

The 3-day Championship was organised by Punjab Softball Association under the aegis of Softball Association of India from March 3 to March 5, 2025. Displaying extraordinary skill and showing gut, grit and composure, the members of J&K team dominated the game from the word go and continued the brilliance till the outcome of the final result, thus winning the game by (4-1).

S. Sakhran Singh, CEO FIL Industries was the chief guest on the Closing Ceremony, while Sh Waseem Raja Khan, Joint Secretary Softball Association of India and Sh Shrikant Thorat, Member Advisory Board Softball Association of India (SBAI) were the guests of honour, who distributed trophies and medals among the winners, runners-up and the third place



Coaches along with players posing for photograph.

team. While addressing the gathering he appreciated the players for their discipline and sporting spirit during this Northern India Softball Championship. General Secretary J&K Softball Association has praised the big role played by the Technical Staff and Coaches from J&K in guiding the team to convincing victory in the Championship. "The Coaches and other allied Technical Staff including Harvinder Singh, Padam Dev Singh, Sudhir Singh, Yogesh Mahajan, Madan Mohan, Rawat Singh and Javed

Akhuon have played a pivotal role in improving the standard of Softball game in Jammu and Kashmir. The Technical Staff included outstanding Softball Athletes, NIS Coaches and one Harvinder Singh, who was the Chief Coach of Indian National Men's Softball team which had toured Japan in 2023. He is also a Certified Level-A holder," said Waseem Raja. He further said that J&K Softball Association is highly thankful to Nuzhat Gul, General Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council for encouraging Softball athletes to bring laurels for J&K UT.

SPMR College of Commerce organises signature campaign to raise awareness about sexual harassment

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A signature campaign was organized at Govt SPMR College of Commerce on Thursday to raise awareness about sexual harassment and gender equality to celebrate Woman's Day.

The event was initiated by SPARSH in Collaboration with ICASH under the aegis of IQAC. The event saw an active participation of students, faculty, and staff.

The purpose of the campaign was to stand against sexual harassment and ensure that all have equal rights, opportunities and access to resources regardless of their gender. Students were encouraged to pledge their support by signing petitions. Principal, Dr. Rajinder Singh of the college, the chief guest of the event, praised the initiative, stating, "This campaign is a great step towards spreading awareness among



Faculty members along with students during the campaign.

students and community and it will make a positive change. It is inspiring to see students take responsibility for such an important issue." By the end of the day, the campaign had successfully gathered two hundred signatures, demonstrating strong support from the college community. The collected signatures will be displayed on the wall near auditorium to show-

case that students are committed to fight against sexual harassment and maintain push for further action on the issue. The entire program was conducted by Dr. Reena Rani (Convener ICCASH), Prof Ashraf Nawaz (Convener IQAC) and Dr. Madhu Bala (coordinator SPARSH, Cluster university Jammu). Those present on the occa-

sion included Prof. Pawan Gupta, Dr. Mohd Azam, Dr. Chetna Gupta, Prof Ashwani, Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Dr. Shaji Khan, Dr. Jagmeet Kour, Prof. Binny Kumar, Dr. Roomi Rani, Dr. Deepak Pathania, Dr. Rajni Sharma, Dr. Neeru Devi Anand, Payal Manhas (student representative of SPARSH) and Krish Sumbria (student representative of SPARSH).

District Shopian Ball Badminton Championship concludes

STATE TIMES NEWS
SHOPIAN: The Shopian Ball Badminton Championship, organized by the Shopian Ball Badminton Association in collaboration with the J&K Ball Badminton Association under the banner of the J&K Sports Council, concluded at Sports Stadium Shopian.

The two-day championship, held from March 4 to 5, saw enthusiastic participation from 12 teams competing in both the men's and women's sections, reflecting the growing interest and talent in ball badminton within the region.

The closing ceremony was graced by distinguished guests and officials, adding



prestige to the event. Kunwar Singh (14th Battalion CRPF) attended as the Chief Guest, while Ghulam Rasool Khanday (Manager, Sports Stadium Shopian) and Abdul Hamid (Incharge, Sports Stadium Shopian) were present as Guests of Honour. The Organizing Secretary, Muzamil Hamid, along with

several respected coaches and officials, played a key role in ensuring the event's success. Their presence encouraged young athletes to strive for excellence in sports. The championship witnessed intense and thrilling matches, with players showcasing remarkable skill, strategy, and teamwork. Spectators were treated to exciting rallies and competitive play, making the tournament a true celebration of ball badminton. The high level of sportsmanship displayed by the participants highlighted the immense potential of young athletes from Shopian and surrounding areas. The successful execution of the championship was largely credited to Muzamil Hamid, the Organizing Secretary, whose dedicated efforts and meticulous planning ensured a smooth and well-managed event. His unwavering commitment to promoting ball badminton in the region was widely appreciated by players, officials, and spectators.

The Shopian Ball Badminton Association acknowledged his contributions and expressed gratitude to all participating teams, officials, and supporters for making the event a grand success. The championship served as a crucial platform for young athletes to gain competitive experience and showcase their talents. With ball badminton gaining popularity in Jammu and Kashmir, the association reaffirmed its commitment to organizing more such tournaments in the future. Their aim is to nurture a vibrant sports culture in the region and engage the youth in constructive sporting activities.

Commissioner JMC felicitates Shakti Udghosh Foundation on eve of Women's day

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shakti Udghosh Foundation (NGO) was on Thursday felicitated by Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav for completing five days bike rally for a social cause of immediate concern of all the strata of the society viz Nasha Mukht Seemaiya.

It is emerging as one of the challenge for the Nation and all stakeholders to work in coordination to get rid of this menace from the society. He appreciated the bikers who have come from var-

ious states from Tamil Nadu to Jammu & Kashmir to join hands for one social cause. The women bikers reached Jammu after completing their 5 days motor-bike expedition covering Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Rajouri and Poonch Districts with the motive NASHA MUKHT SEEMAYEIN. They also interacted with students of schools, colleges and masses of the border areas. A video showcasing their 800 km journey was played during the programme. The experience gained by the participants in the rally was also shared in the event. Besides Nasha Mukht

Seemaiya programme, the bikers generated awareness about Swachh Bharat Mission and various initiatives taken therein in Jammu & Kashmir. The citizen feedback regarding Swachhata was also taken by the women bikers. The Commissioner ensured them for all necessary assistance in future in carrying out such programmes for the benefits of the society. The team was felicitated with trophies and appreciation certificates by the Commissioner, JMC, Joint Commissioner (H&S), and Health Officer. The staff of JMC also attended the event.

PG JU set to win overall trophy in Athletics

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The combined side of Post Graduate (PG) Departments of hosts University of Jammu (JU) seems confident of taking away the overall championship trophy in the ongoing three-day 47th Annual Inter-College Athletics Meet at JU Athletics Arena, here on Thursday. With six medals already in their account yesterday, the PG teams (men and women) clinched nine more medals on the second day today to take their tally up to 15, including three Gold, eight Silver and four Bronze. The athletic meet fosters a spirit of sportsmanship, with participants supporting and encouraging each other throughout the competition. Now, the concluding day of the meet tomorrow, medals will be decided in track events of 100 meters and Relays races in both men and women sections.

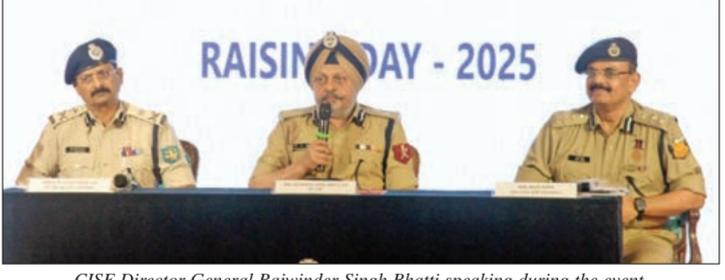


The Detailed Results:
MEN: DISCUS THROW: Mohd. Azam, PG Departments JU, Gold; Navdeep Singh, PG Departments JU, Silver and Sarbjot Hira, GDC RS Pura, Bronze. 1500 Meters: Sumit Chibber, GDC Akhnoor; Gold; Nikhil Kumar, GDC Doda, Silver and Amit Singh, GDC Pouni, Bronze. Triple Jump: Uttkarsh Jamwal, GDC Udhampur; Gold; Zahid Rehman, PG Departments JU, Silver and Keshav Chib, PG Departments JU, Bronze. Long Jump: Amish, GDC Udhampur; Gold; Keshiv Singh, PG Departments JU, Silver and Rushant Skalia, GDC Kathua, Bronze.
WOMEN: Discus Throw: Sonia Kour, GDC Pouni, Gold; Sonika Sharma, PG Departments JU, Silver and Lakshika Jamwal, PG Departments JU, Bronze. 1500 Meters: Simran Sharma, GCW Udhampur; Gold; Sanjana Yadav, GDC Poonch, Silver and Vishali Devi, GDC Kathua, Bronze. 400 Meters: Khushi Verma, PG Departments JU, Gold; Reena Devi, GDC Billawar, Silver and Lakshmi Devi, GCW Udhampur; Bronze. Triple Jump: Taniya Devi, GDC Billawar; Gold; Gyan Kour, PG Departments JU, Silver and Mansi, GDC Billawar, Bronze. Long Jump: Varsha, GDC Billawar; Gold; Prena Tiwari, GDC RS Pura, Silver and Sonika Sharma, PG Departments JU, Bronze.

CISF celebrates 56th Raising Day CISF creates domain experts to become future-ready force says DG R S Bhatti

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is celebrating its 56th Raising Day, marking over five decades of dedicated service in safeguarding India's critical infrastructure.

CISF Director General Rajwinder Singh Bhatti emphasized the force's commitment to modernization by developing domain experts in ten key areas, including aviation security, Information Technology, anti-drone solutions, fire management, weapons and tactics, and battle craft. These experts will undergo advanced training to enhance security measures and introduce cutting-edge technologies, making CISF a future-ready force. Since its establishment, CISF has expanded significantly, with nearly two lakh personnel securing 359 vital installations across 25 states and five



CISF Director General Rajwinder Singh Bhatti speaking during the event.

Union Territories. These include 68 airports, 103 power plants, 18 nuclear sites, 17 space establishments, 14 seaports, and 47 key government buildings. The force also manages security for Delhi Metro Rail and provides specialized protection through its Special Security Group (SSG) for over 150 dignitaries. Additionally, its Fire Wing, comprising 9,000 personnel, ensures fire safety at 113 units nationwide. CISF's operational efficiency is evident in its

daily security coverage of over one crore people. In 2024, airports handled 10 lakh passengers under CISF security, while 75 lakh commuters traveled safely via the Delhi Metro. Notably, 75% of CISF-secured units reported zero crime. The force has also demonstrated remarkable heroism, rescuing over 100 individuals from medical emergencies, fires, and suicide attempts. A major rescue operation on December 18, 2024, saved 50-60 passengers from drowning near the

Gateway of India. Furthermore, CISF reunited 200 missing children with their families and rescued 481 distressed women passengers. In line with its modernization goals, CISF is expanding into strategic locations such as the Parliament House Complex and Ayodhya Airport. The recruitment of 31,000 personnel is underway, including India's first all-women CISF battalion for internal security. The force is also adopting AI-based

surveillance, biometric access control, and drone solutions. Welfare initiatives include a choice-based posting system, improved housing projects worth Rs 1,741 crore, millet-based diets, and yoga training. CISF is also advancing sustainability with new solar power plants across 11 states. In sports, CISF athletes have won 120 medals, and preparations for the 2036 Olympics include recruiting 300 young sportspersons. Adventure sports initiatives feature a CISF woman mountaineer training to scale Mount Everest in 2025. The 56th Raising Day celebrations include a grand parade, infrastructure inaugurations, and the launch of a 6,553 km Coastal Cyclothon. As CISF moves forward, it remains committed to excellence in national security, technological advancements, and personnel welfare.