Veer Volleyball Club Reasi wins 37th Reasi District Volleyball Championship

Participating teams posing with dignitaries at Katra on Tuesday.

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REASI: Veer Volleyball Club Reasi was crowned champion of the 37th Reasi District Volleyball Championship after defeating Viper's Volleyball Club Katra in a thrilling final by 3-0 sets (25-21, 25-17, 25-23) at the Sports Complex Katra.

The two-day championship, organised by the Volleyball Association of J&K in coordination with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) under the aegis of the J&K Sports Council, witnessed participation from eight teams representing different areas of Reasi district, including Agghar Jittoo, Bagdar, Panthal, Reasi, and Katra.

Alok Kumar Maurya, Additional CEO, SMVDSB Katra, was the Chief Guest at the concluding function. He announced the Shrine Board's commitment to promoting sports infrastructure at Katra, including an indoor volleyball stadium and the appointment of a professional coach to engage youth in sports and steer them away from social evils such as drug abuse. Maurya also encouraged young players to become torchbearers of social reform and contribute to improving socio-economic conditions.

The Chief Guest was presented a memento, along with Dhurav Gupta, Assistant CEO, SMVDSB, and Dr. Bhisham Dubey, SDPO Katra, who were honoured as Guests of Honour by Kuldeep Magotra on behalf of the Volleyball Association of J&K. Dr. Dubey motivated players to act as catalysts of civil society and shared technical tips on volleyball skills, including spikes and team coordination.

The championship, conducted under the supervision of technical officials Karan Rajput and Rakesh Sharma, concluded with the distribution of trophies, medals, and sports kits to winners and runner-up teams. Over 500 rural youth were mobilised during the event, promoting sports as a means for overall physical and social well-being.

Other dignitaries present included Sanjeev Kotwal, DGM SMVDSB; Jagdeep Singh, Shooting Coach SMVDSB; and Vijay Magotra, former General Secretary VAJK. The event was widely appreciated for fostering sportsmanship and community engagement in the district.

JU organises seminar to mark International Women's Day

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JAMMU: The Business School (TBS), University of Jammu (JU), organised a one-day seminar to celebrate International Women's Day 2026 under the theme "Give to Gain: Empowering Women, Enriching Society." The seminar highlighted the importance of investing in women's education, leadership and mentorship as a catalyst for sustainable development and social progress. The event featured a panel discussion with experts from diverse fields who shared their perspectives on advancing gender equality and strengthening women's roles in society.

Neeraj Gupta Bakshi, DG, Local Funds Audit and Pensions, J&K with others at seminar.

Neeraj Gupta Bakshi, Director General, Local Funds Audit and Pensions, J&K, spoke about various government schemes aimed at women's empowerment. She encouraged women to be proactive and fearless in pursuing their aspirations, describing them as the "unsung heroes" of society.

Prof. Alka Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies and Director, SIIEDC, University of Jammu, introduced the theme of the seminar. She described empowerment as an essential institutional framework rather than merely a social objective. She emphasized that many societies still fail to treat women as equals and stressed that men also play a crucial role in supporting women's empowerment. She further highlighted the need to provide women with opportunities to pursue education and careers of their choice. Senior Advocate Meenakshi Slathia, partner at Slathia Law Firm, pointed out the gap between constitutional rights and social realities, stressing the importance of bridging this divide.

Dr. Saima Sadiq, Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Government Medical College Jammu, emphasized the importance of women's health. She highlighted the need for greater awareness regarding menstrual health and the HPV vaccine.

Journalist Asha Sarmal from Gulistan News and JK Media spoke about the role of governance and accountability in addressing issues such as literacy, crime and social justice to ensure meaningful empowerment for women.

Geetika Kohli, founder of the startup Thinksta, shared insights on how women's struggles are often overlooked and called for dismantling unequal systems while encouraging women to grow beyond imposed identities. Earlier, Prof. Amisha Gupta, Director of The Business School, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the transformational role of women as agents of change. She also emphasized the institution's role in mentoring women leaders who have excelled in business, academics and administration.

During the event, panelists were formally felicitated by faculty members. The Creative Showcase team was also recognized for presenting a thematic skit written and directed by Rohan Sharma and Avinash Lakhnotra.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Aubid Hussain Parrey, Assistant Professor at TBS. The programme concluded with an interactive open house session that allowed students and scholars to engage directly with the panelists.

The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Komal Nagar, who expressed gratitude to the university administration, resource persons, scholars and students for making the event a success. She also noted a positive cultural shift, stating that the narrative has evolved from "women vs women" to a collective movement of "women for women."

Rajput Warriors clinch Volleyball title at Jammu Police CAP Tournament

Dignitaries with winner team.

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JAMMU: The Volleyball Tournament organised by Jammu Police under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) 2025-26 concluded successfully at the Govt. Degree College Ground, Bishnah, with enthusiastic participation from eight teams representing Bishnah, Arnia, RS Pura, and Miran Sahib. The tournament attracted a large gathering of local spectators, highlighting community interest in sports.

The final match saw Rajput Warriors, Mian Chak, Bishnah emerge as champions, defeating Shahpur Warriors, Shahpur, Bishnah by a 2-1 scoreline. Winners and runners-up were awarded cash prizes, trophies, and sports accessories, recognising their skill and performance.

The event was attended by senior police officers including SP Headquarters Jammu, Irshad Hussain Rather, SDPO RS Pura Gurmeet Singh, and SHO Bishnah Rakesh Jamwal, alongside other officials from the Headquarters Zone. MLA Bishnah Dr. Rajiv Bhagat graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Ex-MLA Bishnah Ashwani Kumar attended as Guest of Honour. Prominent media representatives and respected local figures were also present for the closing ceremony.

Addressing the gathering, SP Headquarters Jammu emphasised that J&K Police is committed to engaging youth through sports, fostering constructive activities to steer them away from drug abuse and other social evils.

The tournament received widespread appreciation from the local community, especially youth, who hailed the efforts of the police in promoting healthy recreational engagement in Bishnah and adjoining areas, strengthening community bonds through sports.

The event successfully combined competitive sportsmanship with civic outreach, reflecting the police's ongoing commitment to youth development and positive community interaction.

Youth Parliament 2026 organized at MBSCET

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JAMMU: Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering and Technology (MBSCET) organized Youth Parliament 2026 in the college auditorium with great enthusiasm and active participation from students.

MBSCET faculty and students at Youth Parliament 2026.

The event commenced with a welcome and opening address by Prof. Praveen Singh (Dean Academics), in his address, he highlighted the importance of Youth Parliament as a platform for students to understand democratic values, develop leadership qualities, and enhance their debating and analytical skills.

He also appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee comprising students of the 6th Semester, CSE Department, under the leadership of Jasdeep Kour, for successfully organizing the event.

A total of 40 students participated in the Youth Parliament Session. Among them, 20 students represented the Ruling Party and 20 students represented the Opposition Party, replicating the structure of a democratic parliamentary system.

The participants engaged in a meaningful and thought-provoking debate on the agenda "National Security & Cyber Laws - Regulation of Social Media for Minors." The discussions reflected the students' awareness of contemporary national issues and their ability to present logical arguments in a parliamentary manner.

The event provided an excellent platform for students to express their views, strengthen their public speaking abilities, and understand the functioning of democratic institutions.

The session concluded with an address by the Principal, Prof.(Dr.) Amrik Singh, who appreciated the initiative taken by the students and encouraged them to continue participating in such academic and intellectual activities. He emphasized that events like Youth Parliament help in shaping students into responsible and aware citizens.

Following the concluding address, prizes were distributed to the best performers and participants in recognition of their outstanding performance during the debate.

The event concluded successfully with active participation and appreciation from faculty members and students.

JKPS Panjtirthi student wins gold at Jammu Division Karate-Do Championship

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JAMMU: A student of JK Public School, Panjtirthi brought laurels to institution by winning a gold medal at the 11th Jammu Division Karate-Do Championship organised by the Traditional Karate Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

Around 170 karatekas from various schools representing different districts of the Jammu division participated in the championship.

Among the participants, Ashita Sadhotra, a Class 4 student of JK Public School (JKPS), Panjtirthi, delivered an impressive performance and secured the Gold Medal in the Kata event, making her school proud.

The achievement was widely appreciated by the school administration. Principal JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah congratulated the young achiever for her outstanding performance and commended her dedication, discipline and hard work.

She expressed pride in Ashita's accomplishment and said that such achievements motivate other students to pursue excellence in sports alongside academics.

The Principal also encouraged students to actively participate in sports and other co-curricular activities, emphasizing that these platforms help in the overall personality development of students and build qualities such as confidence, determination and teamwork.

Principal JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah felicitating Ashita Sadhotra.

SSB, CISF, CRPF shine in Women's and Men's Kabaddi; BSF dominates gymnastics events

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JAMMU: The ongoing multi-disciplinary sports competitions witnessed thrilling performances in Kabaddi, Fencing, and Artistic Gymnastics, with teams from various forces showcasing skill and determination.

In Women's Kabaddi, SSB secured a narrow victory by 2 points, while CRPF registered a convincing 12-point win over Maharashtra. Rajasthan emerged victorious with a 9-point margin, and CISF dominated their opponents with a 31-point win, reflecting their growing strength in the tournament.

In the Men's Kabaddi category, CISF defeated Jharkhand by 24 points, while Uttar Pradesh Police recorded an impressive 31-point victory over Telangana. CRPF also secured a 9-point win, and CISF continued their strong performance with a 7-point win against ITBP, asserting their competitive edge.

Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

The Fencing competitions featured Epee (Individual Men), Sabre (Individual Men), and Foil (Individual Women) categories. Players from CISF, BSF, SSB, Assam Rifles, Karnataka Police, Manipur Police, Telangana Police, J&K Police and other participating forces displayed remarkable skill, with medals awarded to the top performers in each category.

In Artistic Gymnastics (Men's Team Championships), BSF secured the top position with a score of 274.5, followed by Uttar Pradesh Police in second place with 255.25, while Punjab Police claimed third place with the same score.

In the Individual All-Around Gymnastics event, Chananthbam (BSF) clinched the Gold Medal with 70.55 points, Pradeep (Punjab Police) won Silver with 65.85 points, and Sankshep Yadav (Uttar Pradesh Police) earned Bronze with 64.4 points, highlighting the competitive spirit and excellence of the athletes.

The events continue to showcase the prowess, teamwork, and sportsmanship of personnel from various police and paramilitary forces across the country.

Volleyball tournament concludes at 137 Bn CRPF headquarters Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The final match of Volleyball Tournament organised by 137 Bn, CRPF- Udhampur in collaboration with Volleyball Association, Udhampur, was played on Friday here at SIKS Government Higher Secondary School.

CRPF personnel and local coaches coordinated the Final Match played between Barta Volleyball Club and Roun Domail Volleyball Club featuring high-energy plays, skill demonstrations and team-building drills.

Member Legislative Assembly Udhampur West Pawan Kumar Gupta; M.K. Sicon Commandant; Kartar Singh Second-in-command; R.L. Meena, Dy. Comdt; Suresh, Dy. Comdt; Prahlad Sharma, DYSP HQ; Abhijeet Sirohi, SHO Udhampur, Principal-SIKS Government Higher Secondary School, Ashok Padha; President, Volleyball Association, Udhampur cum Executive Member-J&K Volleyball Association, Jt. Secretary-Volleyball Association Udhampur along with players, CRPF Jawans and locals were present on this occasion.

Locals appreciated 137 Bn, CRPF for organizing the Volleyball Tournament under Civic Action Programme and urged the authorities to organize more such events in future.

Meanwhile, a blood donation camp under Civic Action Programme was organised by 137 Bn, CRPF Udhampur at its SRTC Campus.

As many as 50 CRPF officers and jawans donated blood to save precious lives. The event underscores commitment of 137 Bn, CRPF to social responsibility and strengthening ties with local communities.

87th CRPF anniversary Volleyball Tournament 2026 concludes

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RAMBAN: The final match of the 87th CRPF Anniversary Volleyball Tournament, organized under the aegis of the Jammu Sector CRPF, was held with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship at Tac HQ 84 Bn CRPF Chanderkote, Ramban (J&K) on Tuesday.

The closing function was graced by First Lady N. Gayabati Devi, as the chief guest in the presence of Commandant 84th Bn CRPF N. Ranbir Singh, Second-in-Command Vikram Singh, Assistant Commandant Roop Ram Meena, Deepak Shukla, Vikas Kumar, Shree Ram Meena, families and personnel of 84 Bn CRPF, players and local youth.

The final match witnessed a thrilling contest between HMB Parnote and Chanderkote Defenders, drawing a large gathering of sports lovers and youth from the area. In an exciting match, HMB Parnote emerged as the champion, defeating Chanderkote Defenders with a score of 25-16, 23-25, 25-17 and 26-24.

Speaking on the occasion, Commandant N. Ranbir Singh highlighted the glorious history of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and its significant contribution to nation building. He said that the CRPF was presented with its colours by the then Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on March 19, 1950 and the force is now celebrating its 87th Anniversary.

He informed that the volleyball tournament was organized as part of the anniversary celebrations to promote sports in the region and provide a platform for youth to showcase their talent and skills.

First Lady N. Gayabati Devi with officers and winner team.

He also appealed to the youth to actively participate in sports for physical and mental fitness, discipline, team spirit and a healthy lifestyle. He assured that such sporting events would continue to be organized in the future to promote talent and strengthen the bond between the CRPF and the local populace.

On the occasion, trophies, medals, volleyballs and nets were distributed among the winner and runner-up teams. Cultural programmes were also presented by the participants.

During the function, national-level boxing player Sandeep Singh, who is presently serving as a three-star referee and representatives of various media houses were also felicitated.