

Ricky Club wins Volleyball trophy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A two-day volleyball tournament organised by Pindi Charaka Panchayat Committee Arnia with support from the J&K Sports Council near International Border (IB), concluded on Monday.

A total of 18 teams comprising of players of villages along with International Border participated in the tournament.

Ricky Volleyball Club emerged as the winner in a keenly fought final by defeating KP Volleyball Club.

Ranjeet Kalra, Member J&K Sports Council gave away the trophies to the winners and distributed medals among the players.

Neelam Singh Sarpanch



Member JKSC, Ranjeet Kalra interacting with players.

Pindi Charaka Panchayat along with Nailb Sarpanch Kuldeep Raj and prominent people of the area expressed gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha

(President of J&K Sports Council) for his 'Har Din Khel Sab Ke Liye Khel' initiative and Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gul for helping the organising Committee

5th J&K UT & District Powerlifting and Benchpress C'ship Bhawana declared Strong Woman, Mantu Strong man



Winner players posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: 5th J&K UT & District Men & Women Powerlifting and Benchpress Championship was organized by Powerlifting Association of J&K, affiliated with Indian Powerlifting Federation (IPF) at Bhagwati Nagar Stadium, here on April 1.

In the championship more than 50 players under different weight categories included men and women were participated.

Medals and certificates were distributed among the winners by the Chief Guest, DySP Akshay Khajuria and Guests of Honour namely Sheikh Riyaz Ahmed, Ishu Choudhary, Anil Kumar Kapahi and Sanjay Gupta.

The championship was officiated by Preet Dutta, Vijay Choudhary, Amarjeet Singh, Karamjeet Singh, Rajat Solan, Rohit Singh, Harshit Sharma, Vijay Kumar, Sanehit Kalotra,

Sameer Kalotra, Rakesh, Vijay Dabgotra, Vipul Gupta and Shalinder Dogra.

Vote of thanks was presented by Kuldeep Singh (Working President) and Rakesh Kumar (General Secretary J&K).

In 62 kg weight category, Bhawana Khurana, who took 260 kg, was declared strong woman while in 66kg weight category, Mantu Gupta was declared strong man for lifting 432.5 kg.

Cricket tournament inaugurated to enhance voter awareness

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BANDIPORA: District Election Officer Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Monday inaugurated a cricket tournament and Tug of War competition at SK Stadium Bandipora in an attempt to boost voters' awareness under Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign.



DEO Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad interacting with a player.

On the occasion Dr Owais said the tournament is being organised to raise awareness among prospective voters and eligible voters about the importance of casting votes and urge them to get enrolled in the upcoming special summary revision of Electoral Rolls.

He said the none of the eligible voters should be left behind and hence we are working on this SVEEP scheme so that we reach the hearts and minds of new voters.

DEO said SVEEP is a flagship programme of ECI for voter's education, spreading voter awareness and promoting voter literacy in India.

On the occasion Dr Owais interacted with the young players including young first time voters. He urged them to get enrolled at earliest and participate in the decision making process by casting their votes in upcoming elections.

He distributed pamphlets and caps with SVEEP slogans about importance of votes inscribed on it. Later, a tug of war was also organised on the occasion.

Nodal Officer Coordination MY Hakaak, General Manager District Industries Centre Bandipora Mehraj Wani, padmashree awardee Faisal Ali Dar and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

JU to hold 3-day mega event over PM's 'Panch Pran'



VC JU, Prof Umesh Rai talking to reporters in Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The university of Jammu will organise a three-day mega festival "Panch Pran" centred around the five resolves announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his last year's Independence Day address.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will inaugurate the festival on April 5.

"The University of Jammu in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Hindustan Samachar and Cluster University of Jammu is organising three-day mega event on the five

resolves (Panch Pran) announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji during his 76th Independence day address to the nation," Vice Chancellor Prof Umesh Rai told reporters here.

Prof Rai said the festival is going to be held from April 5-7 in the University of Jammu in consonance with the PM's vision on "Panch Pran".

At a curtain-raiser ceremony, Prof Rai said the fest will focus on the five resolutions announced by the PM -- making India a developed country; removing any trace of the colonial mindset; taking pride

in our legacy; our strength of unity; and fulfilling the duties of citizens, which include prime minister and chief ministers as well.

The VC said that the University of Jammu has already taken initiatives to acquaint the students with the rich heritage of India.

"The event will cover the lectures by the prominent experts, showcasing of documentaries and exhibition of cultural heritage. The Panch Pran Utsav will be inaugurated by Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, and Ajay Kumar Singh, Press Secretary to President of India, will deliver the Keynote Address on 5th April," he said.

He said new job-oriented academic programmes are introduced recently by the university to further strengthen the research, financial assistance in the form of research grants and seed grant is also provided to the faculty in the university.

in the organisation of the Volleyball Tournament on the zero line, International Border Arnia, Sector.

Ranjeet Kalra assured the Panchayat office bearers and sports clubs of J&K Sports Council's support in their future sporting initiatives as well.

Kalra also informed the large gathering of enthusiastic sports lovers of the various initiatives being undertaken by the Sports Council especially those undertaken under LG Manoj Sinha's "My Youth My Pride" sports programme.

The tournament was organised in the memory of Late Rakesh Singh (Sunny), a popular volleyball player of the area.

Late Rakesh Singh's father

Ex serviceman Ram Singh also expressed gratitude to the Sports Council and organising committee for organising the tournament in the memory of his son who was a national level player.

"Tournaments like these organised with support from the Sports Council would not only promote talented sportspersons but would also keep the youth away from the menace of drugs," Ram Singh said.

Prominent persons present were Kamal Kumar, Tarsem Lal Sangra, Prabhat Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Ghar Singh, Roop Lal, Sat Paul, Sachan Sharma, Sushil Singh Charak Chairman NDA, Bunni Sharma, Karan Singh Bantu and Vicky Kumar.

Himalayan Education Mission Rajouri organises one-day Literary Conference

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Himalayan Education Mission Rajouri organized a one-day literary conference at Himalayan College campus Thandikassi, here on Monday in which a galaxy of socio-educational luminaries, poets, writers, academicians, teachers and members of civil society of Peer Panchaal Region present.

The programme was chaired by Prof. Qudus Javed, an internationally acclaimed Urdu critic and scholar whereas Krishan Kumar Toor, an eminent poet and writer of international fame presided over the function.

The programme was organised with the support of Dr. Alamdar Adam, Cultural Officer J&K Cultural Academy Sub Office Rajouri.

The programme included the condolence meeting to pay tribute to Late Nisar Rahi, a Socio-Educational legend and

writer of Peer Panchaal region, who left for heavenly abode on 19th February 2023.

A two-minute silence was also observed in honour of Rahi and Kuldeep Raj Gupta and a comprehensive documentary titled "Rahnuma" on the life and contribution of Nisar Rahi presented by Himalayan Education Mission Rajouri was also released with special video and condolence messages of various prominent and enlightened figures.

Nazir Qureshi, a writer and columnist presented the keynote address highlighting the contribution made by Nisar Rahi towards education, peace building, Pahari & Urdu language and literature.

Among others, the prominent who spoke on the occasion remembering the contribution made by Rahi were Ahmed Shanas, Khurshid Bismil, Prof. M. B. Magray, Mohd Aslam Mirza, Krishan

MOSAJ shooters win gold medals in Sr Rifle Competition



Medal winner J&K Shooters posing for a photograph.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: J&K UT shooters brought laurels by clinching gold, silver and bronze medals in Super Cup Pro Salvo Shooting Competition 2023 organised recent at Punjab Rifle Association Shooting Range, Mohali.

The competition was organized under the guidance of Anjum Moudgil, Olympian Arjuna awardee and Ankush Bharadwaj Founder Salvo Sports Foundation.

In senior rifle team category, Vishal Sharma, Himanshu and Shamsheer got gold medals in the competition. They got training under the guidance of coaches Vishal Mehra and Aman Singh in Mission Olympic Shooting Academy Jammu (MOSAJ).

S.S Sodhi President JKRA and DySP Sharat Chander Singh Vice President JKRA congratulated the shooters for their victory and gave best wishes to them for forthcoming competitions.

Vishwa Bharati College organises lecture

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati College of Education on Monday organized an inauguration-cum-orientation programme for the session 2022-24 in college auditorium.

The function was started with the lighting of lamp in front of Goddess Saraswati Mata for new comer students where the session was introduced by Prof. Nirmal Razdan which was followed by a welcome speech on inauguration cum orientation programme delivered by Dr. Ravi Ji Thaploo.

Prof. Nirmal Razdhan, Dr. Ravi Ji Thaploo, Prof. Muni Raina, Prof. Arpita, Prof. Pavitra and Prof. Asif Khan delivered the lectures on the core subjects of the B.Ed Course. Vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Neha Khajuria.

KIIT Quizzing Society organises National Open Quiz competition



Participants posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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BHUBANESWAR: As many as 688 teams from across the country participated in the much-awaited National Open Quiz competition 'Udghosh' on Sunday, organised by Qutopia, Quizzing Society of KIIT under the G20 banner.

The first prize was won by team 'Rasagolla Revolutionaries', represented by Piyush Kedia, Growth Executive at MX Player and Calvin, an employee at MasterCard. They won a cash prize of Rs 75,000.

The second prize was won by the team 'Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance', represented by Navin Rajaram, working at Solar HighTech Solutions and Jayakantan, working at TCS. The third

prize was bagged by 'Caveat Attemptor', represented by Jyotesh Singh, an executive at BCJ and Gokul S. from the Delhi School of Economics. The second and the third prize winners won a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000 respectively. The Best School award went

to DAV Public School, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar.

The participants exhibited exceptional quizzing skills, answering tricky questions in a highly competitive environment. The renowned quizzmaster, Major Chandrakant Nair, conducted and moderated the entire

event, keeping the participants and the audience engaged throughout. The event was divided into a preliminary round and the final round. The finalists displayed good knowledge and quizzing skills, making the final round a neck-to-neck competition.

The event was open to people of all ages spread across schools, colleges, and the corporate world. The competition received an overwhelming response.

The award function was attended by Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, the Registrar of KIIT; Shyam Sundar Behura, the Dy Director of Student Services; Roshan Thakur, the Executive of KSAC and Anirudha Choudhury, the Society Faculty Incharge. They awarded the winners with their respective prizes and certificates, congratulating them on their impressive performance.

The participants were also given coupons and participation certificates.

Happy homecoming for CSK, beats LSG by 12 runs in IPL



Pandya and Marcus Stoinis (21) to derail LSG's chase.

Pace bowlers Deepak Chahar (4-0-55-0) and Tushar Deshpande (4-0-45-2), who came in for Ambati Rayudu as Impact Player, bowled three wickets and two no-balls in his opening over; in which he conceded 18 runs, disappointed.

The flamboyant Mayers and Rahul raised the team 50 in the fourth over.

Poor bowling by Chahar, Deshpande and Ben Stokes (1-0-18-0) didn't help CSK's cause as they leaked runs in the powerplay as LSG batters posted a strong ripe in pursuit of 218.

Mayers hit a second consecutive fifty to provide LSG a flying start even as Rahul played second fiddle. Having reached 79 in just 5.2 overs, Mayers fell against the run of play, attempting a big hit off Moeen Ali only to be caught in the deep by Conway.

LSG lost Deepak Hooda (2) and Rahul (20), both going for

big shots, quickly to slip to 82 for 3 as Ali and Mitchell Santner got into the act.

Earlier, Dhoni smacked a 89-metre six and another to send the adoring Chepauk crowd into raptures.

A delirious crowd had their glimpse of 'Thala' (Dhoni) as he carted two big sixes before being dismissed going for a third off Mark Wood's bowling for 12 off 3 balls. The iconic CSK captain completed 5,000 runs in the IPL during his brief knock.

After the initial blitz by Gaikwad (57 off 37 balls, 3x4s, 4x6s) and Conway (47 off 29 balls, 5x4s, 2x6s), there were valuable contributions from Shivam Dube (27 off 16 balls, 1x4, 3x6s) and Ali (19).

Ambati Rayudu hit two sixes and an equal number of fours in his 14-ball 27 which slipped under the radar due to Dhoni's pyrotechnics.

Wood, who picked up five wickets in LSG's demolition of

Delhi Capitals on Sunday, was not as effective and finished with 3 for 49 from his 4 overs.

LSG managed to put the brakes on the free-scoring CSK batters, thanks to a splendid spell by leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi (3 for 28 in 4 overs) in the middle overs.

Sent in to bat, Gaikwad and Conway creamed 79 runs in the first six overs taking full advantage of the fielding restrictions.

The stylish Gaikwad continued his form from the season opener where he hammered 92

and in the New Zealand left-hander's company brought up the team's 100 in the eighth over.

Gaikwad made batting look so easy as he effortlessly lofted three sixes in Krishnappa Gowtham's opening over (5th of the innings). He continued to pile on the runs and a flick for a six off Wood underlined the supreme form he is in.

The CSK openers were on a roll and brought up the 100 in the eighth over as LSG bowlers appeared clueless.

SCOREBOARD	
CHENNAI SUPER KINGS	
Ruturaj Gaikwad c Wood b Ravi Bishnoi	57
Devon Conway c Pandya b Wood	47
Shivam Dube c Wood b Ravi Bishnoi	27
Moeen Ali st †Pooran b Ravi Bishnoi	19
Ben Stokes c Yash Thakur b Avesh Khan	08
Ambati Rayudu not out	27
Ravindra Jadeja c Ravi Bishnoi b Wood	03
MS Dhoni (c)† c Ravi Bishnoi b Wood	12
Mitchell Santner not out	01
Extras	16
Total	217/7
LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS	
KL Rahul (c) c Gaikwad b Ali	50
Kyle Mayers c Conway b Ali	23
Deepak Hooda c Stokes b Santner	02
Krunal Pandya c Jadeja b Ali	09
Marcus Stoinis b Ali	21
Nicholas Pooran c † Stokes b Deshpande	32
Ayush Badoni c † Dhoni b Deshpande	23
Krishnappa Gowtham not out	17
Mark Wood not out	10
Extras	18
Total	205/7