

Sarbat Da Bhalla Hockey Tournament 2024

RCF Kapurthala to face Panjab Police in final today

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JAMMU: RCF Kapurthala shall meet Panjab Police in the final of the ongoing Sarbat Da Bhalla Hockey Tournament 2024, organized by Sikh Progressive Front at K.K Hakku Stadium, here tomorrow at 4:45 PM.

Earlier in the first semi-final match played on Saturday, RCF Kapurthala defeated Bathida XI by 3-1 goals via plenty shootout. Both the teams exhibited excellent skills, penetration and locked 2-2 draw in full time. Keeping in view to decide first finalists of the tournament, shoot out was conducted in which RCF Kapurthala defeated Bathida XI. Gurvinder Singh of RCF Kapurthala was adjudged Player of the Match for his excellent ball control, speed and powerful striking ability. Jatinder Singh, IPS grace the occasion as Chief Guest, Jarnail Singh MD Peaks



Arun Manhas, Director Industries interacting with players.

Auto & International and National star of Taekwondo, specially able Chandep Singh were Guests of Honour.

In another semifinal, Panjab Police defeated New Gurdaspur by solidarity 1-0 goal. The Player of the Match trophy was awarded to Paras Malhotra, Goalkeeper for his excellent saves and best anticipations throughout the

match. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Arun Manhas, Director Industries and D.P Singh M D JKI was the Guest of Honour.

Last and fourth quarter-final which was played between Panjab Police and YBC Sujanpur finished late night yesterday. Panjab Police team lived up to its reputation as their aggression, spirit earned them the win

with a big margin of 5-1 goals. Raman Deep Singh, Olympian with the Marvelous stick work won the heart of jury who adjudged him Player of the Match.

Prominent persons present were J.P Singh ret'd IPS, J.B Singh Bali former National hockey player, Harkirat Singh Pappi former National player, Jaswinder Singh Kuku, Angad Singh.

Over 250 cricketers sweat-it-out in U-16 Talent Hunt trials

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JAMMU: More than 250 cricketers drawn from Jammu division sweated-it-out and showed composure and promise in U-16 Boys Talent Hunt selection trials at JKCA Hostel ground, here today.

The Selectors for the Camp divided the players in accordance with their proficiency and made them showcase their cricketing skill to get their nod.

Vying for the top honours, the young cricketers were enthusiastic and energetic in the field on day-1 of the two-day trials.

The Selectors nominated for the Camp included Sarabjeet Singh, J. Singh and Vikrant Taggar.

It is pertinent to mention here that shortlisted players from this Camp will have to play matches for deep selection in the next round to pick the probables from twin divisions for further selection to represent the State/UT in the prestigious Vijay Merchand Multi-Day Tournament.

CBSE conducts workshop on Financial Literacy

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JAMMU: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) organized a comprehensive workshop on Financial Literacy at Unique International Public School (UIPS), here on Saturday. The workshop aimed to equip teachers with essential knowledge and skills regarding financial management and planning, an increasingly crucial aspect of modern education.

The workshop featured Priyanka Gandotra, a renowned spokesperson and expert in Financial Literacy Programs, as the resource person.

Gandotra's extensive experience and insightful perspectives enriched the workshop, providing students with practical insights and strategies for effective financial decision-making.

Chairperson of the School, Jasbir Singh expressed gratitude towards CBSE for



Participant teachers during the workshop.

organizing such an informative and impactful workshop.

He emphasized the importance of financial literacy in shaping students' future success and highlighted the school's commitment to holistic education.

The workshop covered various topics, including budgeting, saving, investments, and financial planning. Through interactive sessions and

engaging activities, students gained a deeper understanding of financial concepts and learned valuable skills to manage their finances responsibly.

CBSE continues its efforts to promote financial literacy among students across educational institutions, recognizing the pivotal role it plays in fostering financial independence and economic well-being.

Vishwa Bharati celebrates Foundation Day



Foundation members performing Yagya during the programme.

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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School Akalpur Morh, Jammu celebrated its 73rd Foundation Day with enthusiasm.

The programme started with Puja ceremony in the campus. The ritual ceremony was performed by the members of governing board and other dignitaries of the institution including

J.L. Koul, President Vishwa Bharati Women's Welfare Institution, Prof. A.N. Sadhu Chairman Academic Committee, Dr. S.K Koul Secretary Vishwa Bharati J&K Units, B.L. Saraf Former Session Judge, Bharati Bhat, Principal Vishwa Bharati College of Education, Annapurna Koul, Principal Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School and all

the staff members of Vishwa Bharati Institution and heads of different social, cultural and religious organisations.

The whole Puja ceremony culminated with the Purnahuti and the prayer for blessing all Vishwa Bharatian with good health, happiness and peace always by all management committee members, teachers and non-teaching staff.

Essay, drawing competitions held on conclusion of Fire Safety Week

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JAMMU: On the concluding day of Fire Service Week, 2024, number programmes were organized at Range and Command Headquarter level on Saturday.

The main function of the concluding day of Fire Service Week was held at Fire & Emergency Services Headquarters Gandhi Nagar here, which was presided over by Director (ADGP), Fire & Emergency Services J&K, Alok Kumar. Addressing the gathering, the Director appreciated the officers and jawans for conducting the week long activities in a befitting manner. He stressed upon all the officers and jawans to continue the awareness programmes throughout the year to create 'Har Ghar Fire Fighter' to minimize the losses during fires. The Director also appreciated the role of Medical Officers of department as well as doctors from various medical specialities in conducting free medical camps besides first aid training to jawans. On the occasion, an Essay and drawing competitions were held in which 29 students from eight different schools of Jammu participated. The theme of the competition was 'Ensure Fire Safety- Contribute towards Nation Building'. Samradhi, a 6th class student of Mahavir Jain School, Rani Park Jammu secured 1st position and was awarded cash prize of Rs. 1500/- and a trophy. 2nd prize of Rs. 1200/- was bagged by Vanshika Thakur, 7th class student of Oriental Higher Secondary



Director (ADGP), Fire & Emergency Services J&K, Alok Kumar speaking during the event.

School Kachi Chawni while as 3rd position with cash prize of Rs. 1000/- was secured by Suhani, a 9th class student of Bal Bharti Public High School Channi Himmat. The Director distributed cash and awards among the winners and participants. He also awarded trophies and certificates to winning as well as runner up teams of Volley Ball, Tug of War, Ladder drill and Fire Tender drill. A cultural program was also held at F&E headquarters Gandhi Nagar, here. The officers and officials of various Commands on the pledged to continue the awareness programmes as per the guidelines and directions. Deputy Director, Medical officer, Accounts officer, Assistant Director and other officers besides office staff and jawans were also present on the occasion.

Makhdoomi, Haveli Chaos, Budgam Warrior, Lamberi Panthers enter Volleyball League semis

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POONCH: Makhdoomi, Haveli Chaos, Budgam Warrior and Lamberi Panthers entered in the semifinals of the ongoing Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball League, organized under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir at Government Degree College grounds, here.

In today's matches, Makhdoomi Club beat Poonch Thunders by 3-1 (31-29, 25-12, 22-25, 25-20); Lamberi Panthers beat Gazi Worriers Anantnag by 3-0 (25-20, 25-19, 27-25); Budgam Warrior beat Spiker Qazkund by 3-1 (25-18, 20-25, 25-15, 25-21).

Young international spikers from J&K Saqlain Tariq, Mannat Choudhary, Mahir Wani and Haroon Rashid remained star



A match in progress.

attraction of the day. The organising committee honoured the owners of Spiker Qazkund, Munir Itto.

The technical panel comprised Intizar Husain, Shabir Ahmed, Shafiq Hussain Shah, Akhlaq Ahmed, Nareej Sharma, Waseem Choudhary and DK Sharma.

Massive SVEEP event galvanises voters at BOP Suchetgarh CEO J&K encourages citizens to exercise their voting right



Chief Electoral Officer Pandurang K Pole and others during the event at Suchetgarh.

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JAMMU: Border Oetroi Post Suchetgarh on Saturday became the focal point of electoral enthusiasm as a Special Voters' Enrollment and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme enthralled a massive audience, including locals, tourists and students.

The programme was held with Chief Electoral Officer Pandurang K Pole and General Election Observer Rahul Ranjan Mahiwal as special guests.

Returning Officer 5-Jammu

Parliamentary Constituency Sachin Kumar Vaishya, SSP Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar and Commandant BSF Oetroi Post Suchetgarh Ajay Sharma were also among the attendees.

A crescendo of musical and cultural performances, led by the electrifying voice of Sangram Hanjra, resonated at the venue, who passionately urged all present to exercise their franchise on April 26 in the Jammu Parliamentary Constituency.

The vibrant atmosphere was further enriched by captivat-

ing performances by school students. They evoked a sense of patriotism and instilled a vigour for participation in democracy.

In his address, Chief Electoral Officer Pandurang K Pole emphasised the pivotal role of citizens in upholding the sanctity of democracy through their votes, stating, "We the citizens of the world's largest and thriving democracy should uphold its unique position by casting our vote." He underscored the Election Commission of India's commitment to inclusivity, ensur-

ing participation of all sections of society in the electoral process, including those facing geographical and demographic challenges.

Echoing his sentiments, the General Election Observer called upon all to cast their votes on April 26 "To substantiate our position of being the largest democracy in the world."

Sachin Kumar Vaishya took the opportunity to rally the audience, urging them to turn out in large numbers on April 26, thereby fortifying the foundation of democracy.

SSP Dr Vinod Kumar reiterated the commitment to ensure a free and fair electoral process, assuring voters of strict action against any form of intimidation or malpractice. "No intimidation to any voter or candidate would be tolerated," he affirmed, urging vigilance and prompt reporting of any irregularities. The event, also attended by ADDC Sher Singh, ADC Ansuya Janwal and SDM RS Pura Seema Parihar besides district officers, successfully instilled a sense of duty towards electoral participation and democratic values.

LS Elections: EO reviews preparations in Budgam

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BUDGAM: The Election Expenditure Observer (EO) for 2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency, Sambit Mishra on Saturday convened a at Conference Hall BUDGAM to review preparations for the ensuing Lok Sabha Elections in District Budgam.

District Election Officer (DEO) Budgam, Akshay Labroo and SSP Budgam, AL-Tahir Gillani were also present in the meeting.

At the outset, the EO held interaction with District Expenditure Monitoring Team, all AROs and Nodal Officers to review the efforts of the administration in ensuring free, transparent and peaceful conduct of elections in the district.

He called for proper maintaining of expenditure records, truthful accounts, facilitation of candidates,

legal expenditure within the permissible limit and expenditure booking by the contesting candidates as per the ECI guidelines.

Mishra stressed on continuous social media monitoring viz. paid news to avoid any media related violations during the election process in all assembly segments of both Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency.

He instructed officers to work in coordination and with most integrity for free, fair and smooth conduct of elections.

While briefing the chair, the DEO Budgam deliberated upon the overall preparations to ensure level playing field for all stakeholders to ensure free, fair and smooth conduct of elections in the district.

He said that all Election Commission of India guidelines shall be implement-

ed in letter and spirit in the district.

Nodal Officer Election Expenditure Monitoring, Budgam, Showkat Ali Rather through a power point presentation, presented district profile and deliberated on overall preparations.

He also shared details about the formation and effective monitoring of teams including Video Surveillance Teams, Flying Squads, Static Surveillance Teams, Video Viewing Teams, Accounting Teams, Assistant Expenditure Observers, Nodal Officer Expenditure and Expenditure Observer constituted to monitor expenditures of the candidates contesting the Elections and regulate and check Model Code of Conduct violations per the laid guidelines of ECI.

ADD, ADC, all AROs, Nodal Officers and other concerned officers also attended the meeting.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Poonch House, Tangawali Gali, Jullaka Mohalla, Radio Station, CPO Office, Karan Nagar, Ustad Mohalla, Kachi Chawni and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 22 from 7 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Ashok Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 22 from 7 am to 11 am. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Old Mawa, Rajpura, Supwal, Tanda, Sunjwan, Baba Dhaghdh and its adjoining areas will remain affected on April 22 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to ITBP, CRPF, PHIE, Kotal-II, Saidda, Surara and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 22 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Ghagwal, Jatwal, PHIE, Power Grid and adjoining areas will remain affected on April 23 from 8 am to 3 pm.

First ever North India Karate championship starts in Jammu



K.K Gupta Chief Patron Association of Karate Jammu & Kashmir starting the championship.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Association of Karate Jammu and Kashmir has organised 1st North India Karate championship on 20th and 21st April 2024 at J&K sports council Indore stadium, Bhagwati nagar Jammu.

300 Contestants from 5 different states and UTs are participating in the one of its kind championship. This event shall give a new Phillip to the Karate promotion in J&K as 300 contestants shall

give a message of new sports foundation in J&K to the whole of North India. Various contestants won medals in different age weight categories including individual Kata/Kumite event.

In the opening ceremony of the tournament K.K Gupta Chief patron Association of Karate Jammu & Kashmir was present as a chief guest for opening ceremony. An observer from National body Laxman Prasad CEO Karate

Association of India was also present. Organising members of Association of Karate Jammu & Kashmir i.e Amit Singh (Secretary General), Vikas Dhar (Treasurer), Amit Gupta (AKJK Adviser), Surjeet Dogra (organiser) and Abhimanyu Singh Charak (Technical Director AKJK)were also present. Students and coaches of all states were very happy and excited for more championships like this in Jammu & Kashmir (U.T).

Under Trial Review meeting held at Distt Court Kulgam

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KULGAM: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kulgam on Saturday convened its first Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC)-2024 meeting at District Court Kulgam to streamline and expedite the judicial process, aiming for timely resolution of cases and alleviating the burden on the litigants.

The meeting was conducted in strict adherence to the directives issued by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and J&K Legal Services Authority (J&K LSA) under the able guidance and supervision of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kulgam (Chairman DLSA Kulgam) (Chairman

UTRC).

The meeting witnessed fruitful discussions on implementing innovative strategies and best practices to further enhance the efficiency of the judiciary in District Kulgam.

The meeting headed by Pr. District & Sessions Judge and Chairman District Legal Services Authority, Parvaiz Iqbal, was attended by CJM/Sub Judge Kulgam Ab. Qayoom, Civil Judge (Sr. Division) /Secretary, DLSA Kulgam, Tabassum Qadir Parray, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Waqar Gire, Additional Superintendent of Police Kulgam Tanveer, Superintendent District Jail Anantnag Hamidullah Naik, Public Prosecutor Kulgam, Aijaz

Ahmad, Incharge Subsidiary Jail Anantnag, Medical Officer Kulgam, Deputy Chief LADC, Roshan Aara and Assistant LADC, Basit Farooq.

Their meeting underscored the commitment and dedication of all stakeholders towards the effective functioning of the UTRC.

With their diverse expertise and experience, these esteemed officials contributed valuable insights and recommendations that will shape the future of the under-trial system in Kulgam.

During the meeting, the committee reviewed the progress and status of the cases that were recommended to be considered for release in the meetings.

In addition, the participants engaged in fruitful deliberations on various issues pertaining to under trial cases including case pendency, legal aid, bail, and other relevant matters.

During the meeting, 08 inmates were discussed to be recommended for release. Out of the 13 inmates, 02 inmates/ under trials were recommended to be released.

The meeting concluded with commitment to ensuring the administration of justice in a fair and efficient manner. Through initiatives like UTRC meetings, it strives to address the challenges faced by the under trial inmates and work towards achieving a more effective and expedited legal system.