ADGP Armed J&K declares Inter-Battalion Sports Meet-2025 open

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JAMMU: Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police (Armed), J&K, officially declared the Inter-Battalion Sports Meet-2025 open on Monday during a vibrant and spirited inaugural ceremony held at Gulshan Ground, Jammu.

While addressing the gathering, Jain extended a welcome to all the participating contingents from the 34-Armed Police units and expressed satisfaction over the meticulous preparations made for the successful conduct of the event.

?As the Chairman of the five-day sporting extravaganza, the ADGP commended the officers entrusted with various responsibilities for their dedicated efforts in organizing the meet.

?A total of 34 units-18

BBAJK to conduct weighing on April 23

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JAMMU: The Body Builders Association of Jammu and Kashmir (BBAJK), under the banner of the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, is all set to conduct the official weighing for the upcoming 25th Silver Jubilee Mr. J&K Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship.

The weighing will take place at International Gym, Rehari Colony, on April 23, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Competitors participating in Men's, Women's, and Masters categories are required to be present during the scheduled

All participants must bring their Aadhaar Card and two recent photographs as part of the registration and verifica-

The weighing will be conducted under the supervision of Rajesh Dutta, a key official from BBAJK, ensuring the with competition standards. The championship itself is scheduled for April 26, and will be held at the Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground, promising a day of intense competition and celebration of physical excellence.

Bodybuilders seeking further details or clarification can reach out to the organizers at Mobile



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based in the Valley and 16 from the Jammu region-are participating in 40 different sporting disciplines, including events for Gazetted Officers

?Highlighting the importance of such events, Jain said that the Sports Meet is a celebration of strength, spirit, solidarity, within the Armed Police. "Today, we are not merely inaugurating a sports competition but reaffirming a tradition that embodies discipline, dedication, and determination-the core values of our Police Parivar." he stated.

Recalling the successful? conduct of the Inter-Battalion Sports Meet in

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Sahika Sau of JKPS Panjtirthi excels

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JAMMU: National Beauty Pageant 2025 was organised by

2021 following the COVID-19 pandemic, the ADGP noted the commendable performance of the participating

He expressed hope that this year's participants would carry forward that legacy with renewed enthusiasm and commitment.

Jain also extended greetings to the retired and serving Police Officers, Players, Managers, and Spectators present at the event. He emphasized that such events foster camaraderie and offer opportunities to forge new friendships among personnel of different battalions.

?Appreciating the efforts

made by the DIG Armed and Commandants of the Jammu City-based battalions, he lauded the excellent arrangements put in place for the

smooth conduct of the event.

He further encouraged

players to see sports not just as a competitive pursuit but as a way of life, urging them to incorporate physical fitness and sporting spirit into their daily routines. ?Earlier, DIG Armed

Jammu, Vinod Kumar, welcomed the serving and retired police officers, participating

teams, and guests. He also presented a brief overview of the various sporting events scheduled over the five-day

He underscored that the J&K Police, under its Civic Action Programme (CAP), continues to promote sports activities and is committed to providing platforms for budding athletes to showcase their talents at national and international levels. On the occasion a colourful Cultural Programme was also presented by the Cultural Team of J&K Police. Earlier, the ADGP Armed took salute of the March Past by various participating contingents. ?Among others present on the occasion were senior Officers including Sunil Gupta, IGP Crime J&K. Vinod Kumar, DIG Armed Jammu, Mubashir Latifi, DIG Personnel PHQ, Senior Serving and Retired Police officers, Commandants of Jammu based Units, Dalip Kumar, SSP, Staff Officer to ADGP Armed J&K, Manoj Pandita SSPTrainings/Communication

Volleyball Association of Udhampur bids farewell to Rayees Mohd Bhat



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UDHAMPUR: Volleyball Association of District Udhampur accorded a farewell to Ravees Mohd Bhat, IPS, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Udhampur-Reasi Range, on the occasion of his transfer to the prestigious post of DIG CID Kashmir.

A function was organized at OLI Bristo, Udhampur, where office bearers, dignitaries, and volleyball enthusiasts gathered to express their heartfelt appreciation for Bhat's unwavering support toward sports development in the district.

Ashok Padha, President of the Volleyball Association, conveyed his deep gratitude to the Chief Guest, highlighting the pivotal role Bhat played in

nurturing and uplifting the sports culture in Udhampur, particularly in volleyball.

He emphasized that the electrification and completion of floodlights at the Volleyball Complex in SIKS Govt. HSS Boys, Udhampur, were made possible solely due to the personal interest and dedicated efforts of Rayees Mohd Bhat.

The event was graced by several personalities, including Amod Ashok Nagpure, IPS, SSP Udhampur, Sandeep Bhat, Addl. SP Udhampur, Upkar Jamwal, Sharma, Dr. Anil Sharma, Bhim Sen, Amit Sharma, and Amit Chander Singh, Secretary of the Volleyball Association.

While addressing the gath-

expressed his appreciation for the Volleyball Association and its dedicated members, lauding their continued efforts to promote the sport in every corner of the district. He emphasized the importance of community involvement and sportsmanship in building a healthier and more connected society.

The farewell was a heartfelt acknowledgment of a leader who not only upheld the law with integrity but also fostered a vibrant culture of sports and youth empower-

The association pledged to carry forward his vision and continue working towards making Udhampur a hub for volleyball and other sporting

Dr Farooq inaugurates Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket **Tournament at MA Stadium**

Urges youth to embrace Sports & Education, shun growing menace of drug abuse

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Dr. Farooo Abdullah, President of Kashmir National Conference and former Chief Minister. inaugurated the Sher-e-Kashmir Tournament Stadium, Jammu. The tournament is being held under the theme 'Say No to Drugs' and aims to channel the energy of the youth towards constructive and healthy activities

Organized by Tejinder Pal Singh, Provincial President of J&K Youth National Conference, the cricket tournament is part of a broader campaign to combat drug abuse among the youth of the region. In today's opening match, Majid 313 faced off against Trikuta Cricket Club in a thrilling 20-over encounter that marked the commence-



nament, which will conclude on April 26.

While inaugurating the tournament, Dr. Faroog Abdullah interacted with the players and appreciated their enthusiasm and spirit for the game. He encouraged the young participants to stay focused on sports and education and avoid the menace of drug addiction that is increasingly affecting the younger generation. Dr. Abdullah also appreciated the efforts of Tejinder Pal Singh Aman for his dedication and commitment to the anti-drug campaign.

On this occasion Rattan Lal Gupta Advocate Provincial President JKNC said there is a dire need to divert the energy of our youth towards sports, culand education. Tournaments like these play

young minds in meaningful and disciplined pursuits. He further added that community-led efforts are key to defeating the drug menace.

Tejinder Pal Singh Aman informed that this cricket tournament has been organized as a significant part of an ongoing awareness campaign against drug

The opening day saw an

from local youth, sports enthusiasts, and community members, who hailed the initiative as a step in the right direction.

Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Tournament will continue with daily matches till April 26, culminating in a grand finale and felicitation ceremony for the winning team.

Prominent among those who were present include: Babu Rampal former minister and Central Zone, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary Jammu, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Rakesh Singh President Central Zone, Nitish Goswami, Vishal Parihar, Zamir Quershi, Attal Singh, Gurcharan Singh, Gorav Kousar Malik, Jaseen Malik, Akhil Mehra, Raman Verma. Hameed Choudhary, Muzamil Malik

Director YSS felicitates Roller Hockey Silver Medalists

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah congrat-

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Principal JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah.

Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Rajinder Singh Tara, on Monday felicitated the Roller Hockey team that secured the Silver Medal at the 2nd Inter District National Championship, held in Dhelpur, Mohali from April 13 to 17, 2025. The felicitation ceremony recognized the efforts and commitment of the young athletes who brought laurels to the region.

The Silver-winning team featured standout players Singh, Jugraaj Jatin Sabarwal, Ankush Gupta, Rupinder Paul Singh, Darpan Gargotra, and Aryan Gunta. Their remarkable performance at the national-level



Director YSS Rajinder Singh Tara along with medalists.

event was widely lauded. In addition to their success at the championship, five players were also selected to participate in the first-ever Roller Hockey Premier League, conducted from April 10 to 17, 2025. The league, which brought together top talent from across the

country, saw notable performances by these athletes: Jugraaj Singh, Jatin Sabarwal, and Darpan Gargotra were part of Team Kashmir Warriors, which secured the Bronze Medal. Rupinder Paul Singh represented Team Chandigarh Champs, which emerged as the Gold Medal winners. Team Bombay Rockers, showcasing commendable skill and determination.

Speaking at the event, the Director of Youth Services and Sports congratulated the players for their exceptional achievements.

"These young athletes have demonstrated outstanding talent, discipline, and teamwork. Their dedication is an inspiration to aspiring sportspersons across the region," the Director said.

The department reaffirmed its commitment to supporting and promoting youth talent in sports, and encouraged the medalists to continue striving for higher goals on national and international platforms.

Jammu Employees Tournament for the session 2025-26 commenced on Monday with enthusiasm at Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu (JU).

The tournament is being organized in the disciplines of Carrom and Badminton for both Men and Women categories.

The event is being held under the aegis of the Chairman Campus Sports Committee, JU under the overall supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Chairman, Campus Sports Committee, and the coordination of Raj Kumar Bakshi, Incharge PTI, Campus, JU.

With a clear focus on pro-



JU employees along with officials during the tournament.

moting physical well-being, encouraging a healthy worklife balance, and fostering camaraderie among the teaching and non-teaching staff, the tournament has emerged as a highly anticipated annual sporting tradition within the University.

It provides a platform for

staff members to engage with one another outside their professional spheres, thereby strengthening interpersonal

relationships and promoting a sense of unity and team-Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba highlighted the importance of sports and physical activity in reducing stress, enhancing

tional environment He further stated that such initiatives are essential for the holistic development of any academic institution.

productivity, and nurturing a cohesive and vibrant institu-

Results: WOMEN Carrom Round-I: Pooja Manhas beat Bhawana Gupta 1-0; Diksha Sharma beat Priya Bajval 1-0: Deepika Singh beat Azmit Begum 1-0: Dr. Mamta Verma beat Dr. Sumit Sharma 2-0: Sunny Bhat beat Dr. Samita Wadhera 2-

Badminton Round-I: Pooia Manhas beat Sandhya Sharma 21-18; Begum beat Dr. Samita Wadhera 21-11; Dr. Sushma Devi beat Dr. Sumita Sharma 21-07.

MEN Carrom Round-I: Dr. Rajesh Kumar beat Meghabat Singh 1-0: Karan Kumar beat Dr. Sandeep Arya 1-0; Pankaj Gupta beat Mukesh Kumar 1-0; Popinder Singh beat Tinku

1-0;Abhinay Kumar Sharma beat Ankit Sharma 2-0; Sumeet Kapoor beat Jagdav Singh 2-0; Rakesh Sharma beat Shankoor Batt 1-0; Mukesh Kumar beat Akhilash Kumar 1-0; Dr. Deepak Anand Abhishek Sharma 1-0; Lalit Sharma beat Naresh Kumar 1-0; Vijay Sharma beat Nikhil Kumar 1-0. Badminton Round-I: Rajesh Kumar beat Vishal

Sharma 21-11; Sandeep Bakshi beat Mukesh Kumar 21-10; Vikram Singh beat Raj Singh 21-09; Sunil Kumar beat Mulkh Raj 21-09; Gursharan Singh beat Maxim Singh 21-08; Pankaj Gupta beat Lalit Sharma 21-02; Suresh Tak beat Raman Abrol 21-06; Munish Sharma beat Prince Pratab 21-16; Manav Puri beat Nipun Kohli 21-17; Neeraj Bhardwaj beat Tinku Kumar 21-07; Dr. Noor-ul-Asrar beat Jagdev Sharma 21-16; Aman Singh beat Rahul Sharma 21-04; Dr. Shubnandhan Singh Jamwal beat Sachin Singh 21-11; Vishal Sudan beat Abhinav Sharma 21-15. The matches were officiat-

ed by Raj Kumar Bakshi, Ravish Vaid, Karlopia, Gagan Kumar, Jeevan Lal, Balbir Singh, Tofan Singh, Vashikha, Yamesh Thakur.

Iranian wrestler Mirza lifts Kundorian Arli Dangal title

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KATRA: Wrestler Mohd Mirza of Iran lifted 43rd International Kundorian Arli (Katra) Annual Dangal Title 2025 by defeating wrestler Dharminder of Kohali (Amritsar) in Punjab in the main first bout. Winner Mirza was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1,50,000 while runner-up wrestler Dharminder got cash prize of Rs. $1,00,0\overline{0}0$. Another first bout was

won by Dinesh Gullia of District Jhajjar Harayana who defeated wrestler Ravi Vehra of Punjab. Dinesh Gullia was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1,25,000, while runner-up wrestler Ravi Vehra got cash prize of Rs. 75.000

Second bout was won by Ram Dhan of Rohtak in Harayana who defeated



Benia Min of J&K Police, resident of Basantgarh in Udhampur District. Winner Ram Dhan was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 60,000, while runnerup wrestler Benia Min got cash prize of Rs. 40,000. SSP Reasi Paramvir Singh was the Chief

Guest, who gave away cash prizes of Rs. 9,50,000 to winners and runner-up wrestlers. President J&K Indian Wrestling Style Association Shiv Kumar Sharma presided over the function. SDPO Katra Bhishm

Dubey, $_{\rm SHO}$ Khyatimaan Khajuria, BDC Chander Mohan Singh and BDC Sham Lal were the Guests of Honour.

Dangal was organized by Kundorian Arli (Katra) Dangal Committee with the active support of public Katra under the overall supervision of contractor Karnail Singh (President), Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), former Sarpanch Mangal Singh, Jugal Kishore (Bablu), Krishan Singh, Neelam Singh and Vijay Kumar. Proceedings

Dangal were conducted by Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri) Kulbir Kohinoor and Anil Kumar of Reasi. 40 bouts were played in the Dangal.

The bouts were officiated by Sat Paul Verma, Singh, Lochan Parkash Verma, Deepak Wazir, Raj Singh, Sunny Sharma, Pawan Kumar and Tulinder Kumar.

Shiv Kumar Sharma former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports Council appealed all the youths to adopt sports as part of life. Other interesting bouts:

Muneer of Nagrota beat Sumit of Ladopur Akhara Bahadurgarh Harayana, Bablu of J&K Police beat Pardeep of Jhajjar Dirtrict Harayana, Sukhdev Noor of Merrut in U.P beat Ali of Hossiarpur, Krishan of Delhi beat Gopal Sharma of Jindrah, Dillar Khan of J&K Police beat Jai Bhagwan of Delhi, Rashid of Domana Akhara Jammu beat Anuj of Delhi, Zakker of Lallian beat Chain Singh of Reasi, Babba of Kot Bhalwal beat Ram Kumar of Delhi, Sunny of Rohtak beat Rajesh Sharma of J&K Police, Madan Singh of Reasi beat Yash Paul of Delhi, Chota Muneer of Domel beat Sonu of Rohtak, Nisar of Doda beat Harsh of Delhi, Nadeem of Doda beat Bishu of Kathua.