

JKCA Senior Men's One-Day Tournament

Shubham, Adil slam tons; Aquib, Pundir, Asif impress

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JAMMU: Stylish Shubham Khajuria and experienced Adil Reshi scored magnificent centuries to guide their sides to convincing wins, while all-rounder Aquib Nabi and promising Asif Ramzan impressed with their performances in the ongoing JKCA Senior Men's One-Day Tournament, being played at four different venues across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The performances of Abid Mushtaq, Rohit Sharma, Nadeem Dar, Samiullah Dar, Zaman Qayoom, Fazil Rashid and Amir Aziz were also delight to watch on day-5 of the tournament today.

At GGM Science College Hostel Ground Jammu, JKCA A2 thrashed JKCA A4 in a one-sided contest by 9 wickets as skipper Shubham Khajuria stole the show.

Put into bat, JKCA A4 scored a modest total of 188 runs. Bowling all-rounder Kulvinder Singh scored brisk 65 runs lower-down the



Triumphant JKCA A2 team posing along with coach at GGM Science College Hostel Ground in Jammu.

order, while Gourav Khajuria contributed 40 runs to the total. For JKCA A2, speedster Rohit Sharma was pick of the bowlers took 3 important wickets, while Shantanu also claimed 3 wickets.

In reply, JKCA A2 rode on a registering knock of unbeaten 138 runs by skipper Shubham Khajuria and chased the target easily by losing just one wicket, thus won the match by 9 wickets. Paras Sharma contributed valuable 31 runs to the total. Shubham, in particular, was very harsh on the bowlers and won hearts of the spectators with his elegance and brilliance, radiance and mag-

nificence. For JKCA A4, Balvinder claimed the lone wicket to fall.

At Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, JKCA A1 defeated A5 by 7 wickets in a low scoring match.

Batting first, JKCA A5 bundled out for a meagre total of 111 runs. Skipper Henan Malik scored 31 runs off equal number of balls. For A1, Abid Mushtaq took 4 wickets, while Amandeep Singh bagged 2 wickets.

In reply, JKCA A1 sailed on a magnificent innings of 63 runs off 34 balls by skipper Shubham Pundir to win the match by 7 wickets.

Rohan Koul also contributed brisk 21 runs to the total.

For JKCA A5, Sunil Kumar bagged 2 wickets, while Ankush Bandral claimed 1 wicket.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium, Ground-A Srinagar, JKCA B5 crushed B2 by a big margin of 143 runs.

Batting first, B5 scored a huge total of 302 uns in the allotted 50 overs. Nadeem Dar top scored with 70 runs, while skipper Aquib Nabi contributed 52 runs to the total.

For JKCA B2, Nasir Lone took 3 wickets, while Umar Nazir claimed 2 wickets.

In reply, JKCA B2 managed to score 159 runs to lose the match by 143 runs. Amir Khan (40) and Manzoor Dar (28) were the main scorers.

For JKCA B5, Amir Aziz captured 3 wickets, while Aquib Nabi and Feroz claimed 2 wickets each.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium-B Srinagar, JKCA B4 defeated B3 by 5 wickets.

Put into bat, B3 scored 272 runs. Adil Reshi played a brilliant innings of 113 runs, while Fazil Rashid contributed 58 runs to the total.

For B4, Samiullah Dar took 4 wickets, while skipper Waseem Raza and Mohd Mudhasir took 2 wickets each.

In reply, B4 chased the target in 44.1 overs by losing 5 wickets, thus won the match by 5 wickets. Asif Ramzan top scored with splendid 98 runs, while Zaman Qayoom contributed valuable 55 runs.

For bowling side, Yasir Bhat took 2 wickets, while Asif Ahmed Palla claimed 1 wicket.

Inter-Panchayat Block Level YS&S Cup-2022 organised

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KULGAM: The Inter-Panchayat Block Level YS&S Cup-2022 in the discipline of Kabaddi was on Wednesday inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at Sports Stadium, here. The tournament was held in the evening under proper flood light arrangements at Mini Sports Stadium Kulgam with match played between panchayat Checkpora and municipality ward Kulgam. It is for the first time in the history of Kulgam that a Kabaddi match was played under floodlights. Present on the occasion were JD-Planning, Zahid Sajad; ACR Kulgam, Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz; DYSSO Kulgam, Ghulam Hassan; Tehsildar Hq Kulgam, Ali Mohammad and other officers.



Dignitaries at inaugural ceremony.

Volleyball tourney begins at Manjakote



Volleyball teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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RAJOURI: Organised by the Indian Army in collaboration with J&K Sports Council (JKSC) and Volleyball Association Rajouri at Higher Secondary School, Manjakote, here.

The final of this two-day event shall take place tomorrow between Hayatpura Club and Mangalhar Volleyball Club. In the semifinals, Hayatpura outplayed Dheri Lehrote 2-1 (25-21, 19-25, 15-09) and Mangalhar Volleyball Club trounced Kalali Club 2-0 (25-15, 25-19).

In total, eight teams are participating in this championship. Preliminary round Results: Hayatpura beat Rajdhani Club 2-0 (25:18,

25:21); Dhari Lehrote beat Manjakote B 2-0 (25:23, 25:16); Kalali beat Katranal 2-0 (25:15, 25:19); Mangalhar Volleyball Club beat Manjakote 2-0 (25:22, 25:19).

Among those prominent present were Sub Divisional Police Officer, Child Development Project Officer; Sarpanch Manjakote, Mohd Tariq Incharge Rajouri District Volleyball Association, SHO Manjakote, Gulzar Hussain (ZPEO Manjakote) and Razaq Khan (ZPEO Retd.). Today's matches were officiated by the technical panel including Jameel Hussein, Zahied Khan, Shakil Khan, Shabir Khan, Saeer Khan and Rashied Khan.

Wrestler Nisar wins Surgu Kesari Dangal title

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SAMBA: Residents of Village Niehla of Samba District organized annual Surgu Kesari Dangal at their village. The event was started with the worship of Punjveers situated at Surgu and inaugurated by SHO Ghagwal, Inspector Vijay Kumar Verma in the presence of organising members.

The wrestlers from J&K UT and others states such as Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Delhi, Rajasthan, UP participated in the Dangal.

Female wrestlers from Himachal and Haryana also brandished the glory of Dangal.

A total of 76 bouts were fought among the wrestlers in which final bout of Rs. 31000 was won by Nisar of Bajrangji Akhada Jammu by defeating Rohit of Delhi.

Meanwhile, Diler Khan of Bajrangji Akhara



Chief Guest presenting Gurj to a winner wrestler.

defeated Deva of Mathura in second bout of Rs. 25000 and in third bout of Rs. 15000, Monty of Delhi defeated Sonu of Jalandar.

Earlier, female wrestler Monika of Haryana thrashed male wrestlers Babu of Ramnagar and Rajesh of Kathua.

Another female wrestler Sonu of Haryana beats Radhika of Himachal. Nisar, the winner of Surgu Kesari Dangal awarded with Kesari Gurj by the Organizing Committee President Devi Ditta patron, Sagar Chand, cashier, Sat Paul Sharma, member Joginder Paul.

Murari Lal Sharma, Kewal Kumar, KB Sharma, played of referee, Sonu of Raya Morh remained commentator.

Kailash, Vishal, Vivek, Rajinder, Rohit, Manish, Mohit, Jaipal played key role in successful conduct of Dangal. Sunny Prashar presented vote of thanks.

Lt Governor addresses Zee Salaam Conclave-'Emerging Jammu Kashmir'

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SRINAGAR: Speaking on the Zee Salaam Conclave 'Emerging Jammu Kashmir', Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said the unprecedented developments have taken place in Jammu & Kashmir in the past 2-3 years.

"J&K is treading on the path of progress and prosperity only due to the clear vision for the welfare of the people and the determination of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he added.

The Lt Governor said that the growth and development of Emerging Jammu Kashmir is not limited to just Jammu or Srinagar; but it is also visible in remote villages like Palli, which has bridged the development gap of decades in just three years. It is visible in thousands of tribal households in Pulwama, Kulgam, Rajouri, who have got their due rights on forests and its produce for the first time and children of poor tribals studying in smart schools equipped with computers, tablets, he further added.

The Lt Governor underscored that sustained efforts have been made to eliminate corruption and bring transparency in governance. It is being ensured that every penny for public welfare is being spent rightly and account of each penny has been made available in public domain.

Behind today's Emerging Jammu and Kashmir; there is a



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha speaking at the Zee Salaam Conclave.

fear-free, corruption-free, transparent system which has led to record completion of 51 thousand projects in the last financial year; as against only 9,229 projects in 2018-19. Despite Corona, more than double 21,943 projects were completed in 2020-21. This is the new face of Emerging Jammu and Kashmir that is being appreciated all over the country for completing the project at the fastest speed, he added. Earlier only 6 km of road was built per day in Jammu and Kashmir; Today 21 km of road is being constructed every day. Now, J&K is at third position in the entire country in the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. Few years back, it took more than 11 hours to travel from Jammu to Srinagar by road. The travel time has been greatly reduced and one can cover the same distance in little above five hours. Soon it would take less than 4 hours, I am certain, the Lt Governor said.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister; Rs 1 lakh crores are

being spent on the road and tunnel infrastructure projects in J&K and we are also endeavoring to connect Srinagar and other cities of the Valley directly to Delhi, soon, through the Katra-Delhi Expressway. It would reduce Kashmir to Delhi travel time to only 11 hours.

Despite immense potential of power generation in J&K, nothing was done in the seven decades. Only 3450 MW has been realized, but requirement is way too much. The same amount of electricity will be generated in the next four years and Jammu and Kashmir will become self-reliant in the Power sector; he added. There were only three medical colleges in Jammu and Kashmir for catering the needs of entire population but now there are 10 medical colleges, besides J&K is the only place in the country where two AIIMS are being constructed, one in Samba and other in Avantipora. We now have two new Cancer institutes as well. These developments are the shining examples of Emerging J&K, the Lt Governor asserted.

The Lt Governor said that for the first time a vibrant 3-tier Panchayati Raj system was established in J&K. Further; to bridge the gap between cities and border villages, Rs 600 Crores has been approved for Border Area Development. Noting that since independence the cumulative outside investment in J&K was around Rs 15,000 crore, the Lt Governor said, within a year; we have received investment proposals to the tune of Rs 52,155 crores, out of which the Prime Minister has already done the ground-breaking ceremony for projects worth Rs 38,000 crore in April this year and the rest will also be done in near future. 'I firmly believe that the UT will receive investment proposals to the tune of Rs 70,000 crores. This will not only facilitate Industrial development but will also open host of new employment avenues for our enterprising youth', he added.

Focus has been laid on improving ease of business with various policy reforms, besides schemes and initiatives have

ADGP Mukesh Singh felicitates Rajesh Gill

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JAMMU: ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh felicitated Rajesh Gill, former Ranji player and Member Indian Cricketers Association in a function jointly organized by Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu & Veterans Cricket Jammu & Kashmir at Jammu.

Rajesh Gill, who has been selected to represent Indian Veteran Cricket Team in the Marlborough Cup

Championship scheduled to be held from July 3 to 14, 2022 at England, was provided the cricket equipments by ADGP Mukesh Singh in presence of SSP Ashok Sharma and members of the Veterans Cricket Jammu & Kashmir which includes Vivek Suri, Amit Kumar, Avinash Uttam, Jagpal Sharma and Vikrant Sharma.

ADGP Jammu appreciated Rajesh Gill for the hard work and passion towards the game of cricket and the only player of UT of J&K to rep-



ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh felicitating Rajesh Gill, former Ranji player.

resent the country in the aforesaid international event.

He further said that it is a great inspiration for all the senior cricketers to re-continue their cricket and can participate in the forth coming veteran matches.

He also conveyed his best wishes to Rajesh Gill for the best performance during the matches at England to bring laurels for the UT of J&K and the Country.

Vivek Suri said that the regular cricket practice and fitness of Rajesh Gill helped

him in getting the selection at the international level.

Rajesh Gill apprised the ADGP that he remained associated with the game of cricket, conducted cricket matches, coaching camps for the cricketers for all categories under the banner of JK Police for the last 15 years, and because of these events he got selected at the International Level and to represent the Indian Veteran Cricket Team.

Rajesh Gill thanked ADGP Jammu for the good wishes and Cricket Equipments.

Weightlifting body forms selection committees

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Weightlifting Association has formed two separate selection committees for Kashmir and Jammu Divisions for fair selections and raising of J&K teams for the National events.

The selection committees constituted in a meeting that took place under the chairmanship of Association president, Harbhajan Singh.

The meeting also attended by Vinod Sachdev (Vice President), Yudhvir Singh (General Secretary), Sharat Chander Singh (Joint Secretary) and Ravi Singh (Chief Executive Officer).

Selection Committees

Jammu: Daljit Singh, Ashok Singh and Dhanraj Singh.

Kashmir: Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar, Azhar Sidiqi and Bashir Ahmed Sheikh.

Nirdosh, Mushtaq accorded farewell at Poonch



Young trainees according farewell to Nirdosh Kumar and senior Boxing coach, Mushtaq Ahmed on their transfers.

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POONCH: Accompanied by their coaches, young trainees across different sports disciplines on Wednesday accorded a warm farewell to Manager Stadium, Nirdosh Kumar and senior boxing coach, Mushtaq Ahmed on their transfers in a function which was organised jointly by Sham Lal Hockey Club Poonch and Rahul Dravid Cricket Academy Poonch.

They also welcomed new

Manager Stadium, Bashir Ahmed, who has been transferred from district Rajouri to Poonch recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Pawan Kumar (Hockey coach) and Pervaiz Ahmed Afridi (Cricket coach) highlighted the contributions of both the officials wishes them success at their new places of postings.

Others present were Vijay Kumar (PEM) and Parvesh Kumar.

J&K wins overall trophy in Tenshinkan Karate Do



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir clinched overall championship trophy in the 20th National Tenshinkan Karate Championship held at Nanital under the banner of Tenshinkan Shotokan-Ryu Karate Federation of India and approved by Karate Association of India (KAI).

The young J&K team of 18 players secured six

gold, three silver and nine bronze medals to claim the overall trophy. The J&K team was led by Sensei Gopal Dass (team coach) and Rishab Arjuna (team manager).

Medal Winners: KUMITE: Gold: Girish, Akshun, Piyush, Utkarsh, Vasu, Honey. Silver: Tanmay, Shreyas, Harsh. Bronze: Gaurav, Sehaj, Rakesh, Rajan, Abhishek,

Ishant, Aman, Pankaj. KATA: Bronze: Honey.

The medal and certificates were awarded to the players by Tenshinkan Shotokan-Ryu Karate Federation of India.

Meanwhile, Dr. Amit Vaid, Chairman J&K Tenshinkan Karate Do Association appreciated the players for the achievement and called for more participation of younger generation in this sports activity.

Sukhbir Singh, General Secretary said that these players have a talent to win medals at national and international levels and the credit goes to Shishan Brijesh Bhau.

Brijesh Bhau, Chief Technical Director J&K termed team's victory as proud moment for entire J&K. He also called upon the youth to take up sports to lead a healthy and disciplined life.

NCM member visits Kishtwar, says revolutionary steps taken for welfare of minorities

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JAMMU: National Commission for Minorities (NCM) member Rinehen Lhamo visited Kishtwar district on Wednesday and said the commission has taken several revolutionary steps for the welfare and upliftment of minority communities.

Lhamo made the remarks during her interaction with representatives of Muslim and Sikh minority communities at Chenab Bhawan, an official spokesman said.

He said Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Ashok Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police Shafkat Hussain Bhat, District Social Welfare Officer Zubair Ahmed and several other officers were part of the interaction.

"The mandate of NCM is to provide education and employment opportunities to the minority section of society," Lhamo said and listed some of the initiatives of the commission.

Responding to the demands raised by the representatives of various minority communities, she assured them that their genuine issues would be taken up with higher-ups for immediate redressal. Lhamo urged the representatives of minority communities to work in collaboration with the district administration to spread awareness about various welfare schemes among the masses.

Earlier, Lhamo visited Paddar area of the district and held an interactive meeting with Buddhist and other minorities to hear their issues

and grievances.

Amarnath Yatra symbol of communal harmony, brotherhood: NC

Jammu: Welcoming pilgrims intending to visit the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in Jammu and Kashmir, senior National Conference leader Rattan Lal Gupta on Wednesday said the yatra is a symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood and the safety and security of the yatris should be the priority focus of the administration.

It is a unique pilgrimage performed by the people of one faith and facilitated by the people of another faith, Gupta, who is Jammu provincial president of the National Conference, said in a statement here.

He said while this speaks a lot about the unity in diversity of this great nation it is a matter of pride for Jammu and Kashmir and its people that despite all odds and turbulence for over three decades the people here continue to demonstrate the highest degree of hospitality to one and all irrespective of caste, colour, creed, religious or regional affiliations, that commenced from time immemorial. The pilgrimage is a symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood among different communities, he said. Emphasising that near about 90 percent of Muslims directly facilitate the yatra and serve their Hindu brethren coming from different parts of the country and abroad, the NC leader said the administration must leave no stone unturned in ensuring a wonderful spiritual and hospitality experience to these yatris.