

Master's Cup T20 Cricket Championship begins

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Administrative Secretary Transport Department J&K, G Prasanna Ramaswamy on Thursday inaugurated Master's Cup T20 Cricket Championship, organised by Veteran Cricket Association J&K under the aegis of Board for Veteran Cricket in India in collaboration with J&K Excise Department, J&K Sports Council, Narayana Health, Batra Group & Horizon Group, here.

This inter district tournament is exclusive for player over the age of 40 with a message "Say No To Drugs & YES To Sports".
G Prasanna Ramaswamy, while inaugurating the tournament, said that such tournaments meant for veterans will not only give a platform to veteran players to showcase their talent but will motivate more young players



Participating teams posing for photograph with officials at Jammu on Thursday.

to the game and away from drugs.
He appreciated the efforts of Veteran Cricket Association J&K for taking this initiative.
In today's first match, APCC won a thrilling contest against Jammu Kings XI by 3 runs.
Bharat Bhat, Captain of APCC, won the toss and team rode on the brilliance of

Irfan Dar who scored 73 runs off 49 balls and a late cameo by Vinod of 27 runs in just 9 balls scored 169 runs losing seven wickets in 20 overs. For Jammu Kings XI Captain Niranjan took three wickets, Vishal claimed two wickets and Pawan and Amit grabbed one wicket each.
Jammu Kings XI started the run chase in style as opener Rajesh Salhotra

scored 64 runs off 37 balls and they were 102 runs in 10 overs. Needed 4 runs in last 6 balls, Surinder Kachroo kept his nerves and took three wickets in last over giving his team a victory by 3 runs. Niranjan scored 26 and Balwant scored 22 runs for Jammu Kings. Surinder took four wickets, Vinod took three wickets and Sunny Mattoo claimed one wicket

for APCC. Vinod of APCC was declared Man of the Match.
In other match, Vishal, Captain of Janta Sports CC, won the toss and his decision of bat first backfired as entire team was out for 88 runs. Sachin, Sanju and Vicky scored 19, 16 and 12 respectively.
For BMCC Rajesh Sharma took Hat-trick while Arun Raina also claimed three wickets whereas Rakesh Badyal, Rahul and Kuldeep grabbed one wicket each.
BMCC was given a good fight by JSCC to chase down the target which they eventually achieved in 16 over losing five wickets. For BMCC Neel scored 22 and Imran 16 runs. For JSCC old veteran Anil Khanna took two wickets whereas Suresh and Vicky claimed one wicket each. Arun Raina of BMCC was declared as Man of the Match.

Dream run of J&K athletes continues

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Four J&K Taekwondo players and an equal number of fencers make it to the World University Games-2023. The selected athletes include Shanaz Parveen, Tashi Tundup, Kushagra Sharma, Achutam Dev Singh in Taekwondo, and Javed Ahmad, Mayank Sharma. Rishika Khajuria and Riya Bakshi in Fencing. All these athletes have a good record to back their selection for the prestigious games. Besides putting up an excellent show during the selection trials held at Guru Nanak Dev University, all the players bagged gold and silver medals earlier.
All the selected athletes will represent the country in the 2023 FISU World University Games to be held in Chengdu, China later next month. Before their departure to China,



Girls competing in Carrom event.

selected Taekwondo players will train in a month-long camp being conducted in Amritsar for the purpose.
Pertinently athletes were training under the tutelage of Atul Pangotra, Taekwondo coach and Shotu Lal Fencing Instructor with J&K Sports Council.
Secretary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul has congratulated the selected players and their coaches

for living up to both reputation and expectation.
Meanwhile, Sports activities were organized under various verticals today as well.
The events held in district Reasi under the banner of MY Youth My Pride continued for the second day today where Tug of War and Carrom competitions were organized in Government Higher Secondary School Katra.

Arushi Kotwal wins women Chess title

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Arushi Kotwal emerged winner of the J&K UT Women Chess Championship which took place here on Thursday under the banner of All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA).
Second position went to Manasvi Gupta while Ashwina Raina and Sonali Manhas got third and fourth place respectively.
Now, top four players shall represent J&K in forthcoming National Chess



Chief Guest presenting trophy to a winner Arushi Kotwal.

Championship to be held in Gujarat from June 30. Ashok Singh Jamwal, Divisional Sports Officer of

J&K Sports Council was chief guest, who distributed total cash prizes worth Rs.11000 among the winners. He appreciated the AJKCA for the event and wished good luck to all the selected players.
Also present on the occasion were president Baldev Raj, president and Atul Kumar Gupta, working president of AJKCA, and Gopal Das. Bindu Pathania, FIDE Arbitrator, conducted all the matches following the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Udhampur Judo meet on June 15

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Judo Association Jammu and Kashmir shall hold District activities in Jammu Division with first such event for Udhampur at Subash Stadium on June 15.
It will be followed by the district Reasi meet on June 16 at SMVD Stadium, Katra, followed by the Jammu (Junior) on June 17 at Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

Hockey team named for Junior National



Hockey team members posing for a photograph with dignitaries and officials.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Hockey Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday named UT team for the upcoming 13th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship to be held at Raunkila in Odisha. Earlier, the team underwent screening conducted by the J&K Sports Council

(JKSC) Divisional Sports Officer, Ashok Singh at K K Hakhu Stadium, here. Also present were Dr Jagdeep Singh, Ajay Gupta, Rajinder Singh, GS Bakshi, Ishan Sharma, Gurpreet Singh, Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi (general secretary Hockey J&K), RP Singh Sarna and Harmanon Singh.

DPS Jammu students excel in international level physics examination



DPS Jammu faculty posing with selected students.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by excelling in International Level Annual Sir Isaac Newton (SIN) Physics Exam, a test of high school Physics, which was proctored online by the Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Waterloo, Canada.
12 students from DPS Jammu showcased their prob-

lem-solving abilities and a deeper passion for Physics by scoring 25th percentile in the world. The contest brought together students from diverse backgrounds and academic institutions, providing them a platform to exhibit their understanding of the fascinating world of Physics and aimed to foster a spirit of scientific curiosity, among the young Physicists.
All the students also received Certificates of Distinction for

their commendable performance.
The details of the students: Dhairya Verma (XII-A), Harihar Sharma (XII-B), Prachi Bhardwaj (XII-D), Shalin Sawhney (XII-A), Gurnseh Kour (XII-D), Lakshay Gupta (XI-B), Tehzeeb Kour (XII-B), Jaskirat Singh Wazir (XI-B), Radha Raman Sharma (XI-A), Panshul Gupta (XI-A), Dhruv Kohli (XII-D), Aagrim Nargotra (XII-D).
Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chhabra congratulated all the students, their parents and teacher incharge, Manika Verma. She encouraged the children to set their goals high.
President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi congratulated the students and extended their best wishes for their future endeavours.

MAM College conducts Capacity Building Workshop on Entrepreneurship Development programme

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Department of Business Administration, Maulana Azad Memorial (MAM) College, Jammu in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) conducted a comprehensive and impactful two-day Capacity Building Workshop on Entrepreneurship Development programme aimed at fostering an entrepreneurial spirit and empowering the students of 2nd Sem.
The workshop, held on the June 7 and 8, brought together aspiring entrepreneurs, and seasoned mentors to provide valuable insights and guidance to



MAM College faculty with students and JKEDI officials during a workshop.

the participants.
The two-day workshop featured diverse sessions and interactive activities, all designed to provide a holistic understanding of entrepreneurship and its practical implications.
Speakers and industry experts shared their expertise on various topics, including ideation, market

research, business planning, funding strategies, marketing, and scaling a startup.
Participants also had the opportunity to engage in hands-on exercises, group discussions, and case studies, enhancing their problem-solving abilities and fostering a collaborative environment.

Prof. (Dr.) G.S Rakwal, Principal of the College, Jammu lauded the efforts of the Department of Business Administration for conducting a workshop on such a pertinent area as it fosters the spirit of entrepreneurship and equips young minds with the necessary skills to transform their ideas into

successful ventures.
Dr. Majid Manzoor Khan, Associate Sr. Faculty, JKEDI and Dr. Vinod Kumar, Teaching Associate, JKEDI were the resource persons for the workshop.
The workshop was organized under the supervision of Dr. Bharti Salathia, Head, Department of Business Administration. The entire workshop was coordinated by Prof. Meena Gupta. Prof. Ajay Virdi and Prof. Shiv Kumar were part of the organizing team.
The two-day workshop concluded with the distribution of certificates of participation to all attendees, acknowledging their commitment to personal and professional growth.

108-member contingent flagged off for 66th National School Games

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Director Youth Services and Sports, Subash Chander Chibber on Thursday flagged off a 108-member contingent to Bhopal to participate in the National School Games here at an impressive, colourful and well attended function held in Youth Hostel Nagrota.



Director YSS Subash Chander Chibber flagging off J&K contingent for National School Games on Thursday.

Jitender Mishra and a galaxy of dignitaries..
A total of 90 athletes (under-19 boys and girls) and 18 officials across Jammu and Kashmir are taking part in four sports disciplines in this mega sporting event to be held at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh

from June 10, 2023 to June 13, 2023.
The sporting disciplines include Football, Volleyball, Judo and Table Tennis.
Two Football teams comprises 36 players, while 20 Volleyball teams comprise of 24 players and two Judo teams include 20 players and

10 players will take part in Table Tennis.
While speaking on the occasion, Subash Chander Chibber said that it was great to see athletes participating in the sporting events at the national level after a gap of three years, adding that covid restrictions across the country had forced the organisers not to organise competitions for all these years.
He hoped that the J & K contingent would do well in all the sports disciplines. Chibber advised the young sportspersons to give their best and keep the UT's flag high at the national scene.
The Director Sports said that these sportspersons serve as ambassadors of the

Union Territory.
While advising the players to preserve sporting spirit and sanctity of the game, Chibber said that sports and games, apart from helping youth to showcase their sporting skill, also help them not to fall prey to drugs and other allied social evils and not to derail from the mainstream. He further said that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir was committed to promote sports in every nook and corner of the Union Territory.
Earlier, in his welcome address, the Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports, Jitender Mishra gave the details of the contingent and highlighted the achievements of the Department.

Dist level Badminton, Tug of War tournament inaugurated



Chief Guest inaugurating tug of war event on Thursday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Ramban at Venue addressed the audience during the inauguration ceremony expressing their gratitude to the participants, and all those involved in organizing this sporting extravaganza.

They emphasized the importance of sports in fostering discipline, teamwork, and overall personality development among the youth. ZPEO Banihal highlighted the commitment of the department to identify and nurture talented individuals, providing them with the necessary infrastructure and support to excel in their chosen sporting disciplines.

Ramban extends its gratitude to the District Administration, heads of the institutes, staff members, and Technical Officials who have extended their support for this event.
In Badminton double Girl u14 Winner is zone Khari runner up is zone Gool in single 14 girls zone Ramban is winner zone Khari is runner up in double u17 girls runner up zone Banihal winner up is zone Ramban, single u17 girls winner up is zone Batote, double u14 Boys winner is zone Banihal runner up is zone Ukhral. u14 single boys winner up Batote runner is zone Gool.

The event was organised to promote sportsmanship, talent, and healthy competition among the youth of the district.
The opening ceremony witnessed the presence of ZPEOs of Banihal and Khari and other officials of YSS department Ramban.

This grand event marked a significant milestone in fostering the growth of sports at the grassroots level and providing a platform to young participants to showcase their skills.

The District Level Tournament encompasses multiple categories, including Under 14 and Under 17 Age Groups for both boys and girls, ensuring equal opportunities for participation and recognition.

The tournament promises to be an enthralling display of skills and sportsmanship, as young participants compete for the coveted titles in Badminton and Tug of War matches filled with strategic moves, precise shots, and remarkable displays of talent from these talented youngsters.
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will train in a month-long camp being conducted in Amritsar for the purpose.
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SKUAST-TAJ, NTEA-J call on VC, discuss issues of varsity

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Joint Action Committee comprised of S K U A S T - T e a c h i n g Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) and Non Teaching Employees Association (NTEA-J) under the chairmanship of Dr. Vikas Sharma calls on VC SKUAST-J Dr. Surinder Kumar Gupta, who happened to be Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu and son of the soil, today assumed the charge of acting Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-J in addition to his own duties.
Dr. Vikas Sharma President TAJ put forth



SKUAST-TAJ President Dr. Vikas Sharma and other members submitting memorandum to VC SKUAST-J Dr. Surinder Kumar Gupta.

the major demand of teaching fraternity regarding the speedy disposal of all the pending cases of teachers/scientists of SKUAST-Jammu, who are

due as on date for promotion under Career Advancements Scheme (CAS).
Dr Vikas informed the VC that CAS/promotions

of teachers, are lying pending in our Institution from the last two years and the timely promotions will help in preventing any financial burden on the government on account of arrears and will encourage the staff to do better in future for overall development of the farm university and if delayed will decrease the efficiency of staff which will affect the progress of the University.
K.D Singh President NTEA-J demanded implementation of SRO-311 to the left over Class-IV employees, departmental promotions of non teaching staff and career pro-

gression scheme for the library staff of the university.
After patient hearing, VC SKUAST-J Dr SK Gupta assured the JAC that he will left no stone unturned to solve the genuine issues.
Besides, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Rai-Joint Secretary TAJ, Dr Devinder Sharma-Publicity Secretary TAJ, Dr. Rajeev Bharat Treasurer TAJ and Dr Anil Bhat Executive TAJ, Dr Jasbir Singh, Dr Sanjay Koushal, Dr Mandeep Singh, Dr. Sudhir Singh Sambyal, Dheeraj Rajwal, Varun Dubey and Kewal Swaroop were also present on the occasion.