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## GBSHC Baramulla wins in Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib 11th Valley C'ship 2025



Winner GBSHC Baramulla team after receiving trophy.

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**SRINAGAR:** In a highly anticipated and thrilling finale, General Bikram Singh Hockey Club (GBSHC) Baramulla has been crowned champions of the 11th annual Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji Valley Hockey Championship 2025. They secured a decisive 3-2 victory over Singhpora Sports Club, concluding a tournament. Organized by Hockey Jammu & Kashmir, the event captivated audiences and reinforced the sport's growing prominence. The Baramulla squad, demonstrating exceptional resilience and strategic prowess under the guidance of Hockey J&K, delivered a compelling performance. Arshdeep Singh (Jr.) initiated their scoring in the 10th minute, with Arshdeep Singh (Sr.) swiftly doubling the lead in the 30th. Despite a

spirited comeback from Singhpora Sports Club, featuring goals from Hardeep Singh (12th minute, penalty stroke) and Jaipal Singh (58th minute), it was Manmeet Singh's crucial 44th-minute goal that ultimately sealed the championship for Baramulla. Sumetpal Singh of General Bikram Singh Hockey Club was deservedly recognized for his outstanding play, earning him the Player of the Match award. The closing ceremony was notably graced by MLA Baramulla, Javaid Hassan Beigh, who commended the players' dedication and announced a substantial Rs 10 lakh grant for ongoing stadium maintenance. Distinguished guests included Gurdeep Singh Sangral, President, Hockey J&K, and Ex-DIG Keerat Singh, a revered patron whose generous sponsorship provided the

cash prizes: Rs 25,000 for the champions and Rs 15,000 for the runners-up. A significant appeal was made by the players for the long-promised Astro Turf installation, a project sanctioned over 15 years ago but hampered by persistent land allocation challenges. Responding to this critical demand, MLA Beigh pledged a resolution within two to three months, assuring the development of a world-class hockey stadium for Baramulla. Under Gurdeep Singh Sangral's visionary leadership, Hockey J&K continues its steadfast commitment to nurturing young talent and revitalizing the Valley's rich hockey tradition. The success of the Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji 11th Valley Championship stands as a powerful testament to the sport's vibrant resurgence across Jammu & Kashmir.

# Dr Karwani reviews Jagti migrant camp development works

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**JAMMU:** A public grievance redressal camp was held under the chairmanship of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), J&K Dr. Arvind Karwani at Mini Township Jagti-Nagrota Jammu to review the ongoing development works in the migrant camps at Jammu and to take stock of the various day to day issues being faced by the migrants. Vijay Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner (Relief), Shiwani Bhan, CAO (Relief), Kailash Devi, Assistant Commissioner (Relief), Sanjeev Kumar Assistant Commissioner (Relief) and senior officers from various line departments viz. Jal Shakti, Public Works, Power Development Department, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Youth Services & Sports, Floriculture, Gardens & Parks, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Jammu & Kashmir e-Governance Agency, Health, Education, Urban Environmental Engineering and Revenue. Tehsildar Nagrota, SDPO Nagrota, Tehsildars/ Camp Commandants of Relief Organization and Incharges Sub-District Hospital Jagti and Higher Secondary School were present. Dr. Karwani patiently listened to the grievances of the

public, which mainly included about repair/renovation of flats, allotment of shops, allotment of flats, water supply, sanitation, maintenance of parks and power supply. He emphasised upon the officers to ensure due adherence to the recent directions issued by the General Administration Department, wherein responsibilities of Transit Migrant Camps at Jammu and Kashmir have been assigned to various Government Departments. It has been provided in the order that officers not below the rank of Executive Engineer shall liaise/co-ordinate about the execution/maintenance of works/projects pertaining to their department with the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), J&K. Dr Karwani reviewed the ongoing development works of various Government Departments. The Jal Shakti Department was asked to expedite the construction of borewells in the Jagti and Nagrota migrant camps to augment the water supply. The officers of the Jal Shakti Department apprised that on the basis of complaints of camp inmates related to the potability of the drinking water, the quality testing of samples was done and reports in this regard are all satisfactory. The Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Department,



apprised about the progress of works going on in the migrant camps viz. Migrant Camp Jagti, Migrant Camp Nagrota, Migrant Camp Muthi - Buta Nagar and Migrant Camp Purkhoo. He was directed to expedite the completion of approved works of repair and renovation works and make street lights functional. It was further directed that the repair/renovation of boundary walls in all migrant camps and water proofing works in the residential flats be completed on priority. PWD(R&B) assured that the ongoing work on multi facility community hall involving financial implications of about Rs 6.5 crore will be completed by the end of the year. It was apprised that a major repair renovation project with financial implications of about Rs 84 crore has been framed to address the long pending demand of

General of Youth Services and Sports, and the Secretary of the J&K Sports Council for their invaluable support in building sports infrastructure and nurturing talent across the region. In a reflective address, Kuldeep Singh Jamwal, Chairman of JKRA and one of its founding members, traced the Association's remarkable journey since its inception in 2005. He recalled the challenging early years, when the sport lacked recognition and infrastructure, particularly the absence of any formal shooting ranges in the region. Several key agenda items were discussed during the meeting, including strategic plans to improve training infrastructure, strengthen grassroots participation, and enhance collaboration with government bodies. Special focus was placed on working closely with the J&K Sports Council and the Department of Youth Services and Sports to ensure robust support for young shooters from both urban and rural backgrounds. The Annual Calendar of Activities was finalized. District Rifle Associations were directed to complete their district-level competitions by July 2025, while the Union Territory-level Shooting Championship was officially allotted to International Delhi Public School,

Jammu, and is scheduled for August. In his keynote address, Dilbag Singh paid heartfelt tribute to the late Amjad Mirza, the Association's former General Secretary, whose recent passing has left a deep void. In a solemn moment, all members observed a two-minute silence as a mark of respect for his invaluable contributions. Dilbag Singh also announced the appointment of Sharat Chander, CEO of JKRA, as the Interim Working General Secretary. Reflecting on JKRA's remarkable journey, Singh expressed immense pride in the achievements of its shooters, many of whom have brought national and international recognition to the Union Territory. As the visionary founder and guiding force behind the Association, he expressed satisfaction in witnessing its evolution from modest beginnings into a vibrant and performance-driven organization. He emphasized the importance of inclusive growth in sports, particularly shooting, across the region. "Our next mission," he declared, "is to discover and nurture talent in the villages where such opportunities are yet to reach. We believe that every child-whether from a city or a remote hamlet-deserves the chance to aim high." He also acknowledged with

gratitude the unwavering commitment and sacrifices of athletes, coaches, volunteers, and the district units. He praised their selfless contributions-both financial and voluntary-as instrumental in creating a strong foundation for the sport and empowering youth across Jammu and Kashmir. Sharat Chander, CEO, presented the Annual Activity Report, which included a detailed and impressive summary of recent tournaments and initiatives. The meeting was attended by the dignitaries and office bearers namely Ashok Kumar, Member, Advisory Committee, Sohan Lal Sharma, Vice President, Col. Sukhbir Singh, Member, Advisory Committee, Sharat Chander Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Paramjeet Singh, Vice President, Arun Mansotra, Treasurer, Manupratap Singh Wazir, Joint Secretary, Rahul Bakshi, Member, Rajesh Virdhi, Chairman, Technical Committee, Nirmaljit Singh, Executive Member, Shuminder Singh, Member, Vishal Mehra, Member, Vineet Gupta, Member, Sharuti Sharma, Executive Member, Anupam Sambyal, Executive Member, Dhruv Gupta, Assistant CEO, SMVD Shrine Board, Katra, Vijay Kumar, Member, Technical Committee, Surjeet Singh, APS Samba, Tarun Dev Singh, Member, Technical Committee.

## DES-J celebrates 19th National Statistics Day

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**JAMMU:** The Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES), Jammu, under the guidance of Director General Economics & Statistics, J&K, Satvir Kour Sudan commemorated the 19th National Statistics Day on Sunday, aligning with the nationwide observance dedicated to the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, the pioneer of modern statistics in India. The theme for 2025 is "Celebrating 75 Years of National Sample Survey" marking the significant contribution of the National Sample Survey in providing reliable and timely statistical data that supports evidence-based decision-making and governance in India. Ashu Gupta, Regional Director, Evaluation & Statistics, Jammu presided over the function & delivered the welcome address, acknowledging the dedication and contributions of the officers and officials from the Directorate of Economics & Statistics and the Regional Directorate of Evaluation & Statistics Jammu and School of Applied Economics & Statistics Jammu. She underscored the significance of the day's theme and its relevance to the current statistical landscape.

While giving vote of thanks, Rakesh Kumar (Deputy Director) lauded the joint efforts of officers/ Officials of Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Regional Directorate of Evaluation & Statistics, Jammu & School of Applied Economics & Statistics, Jammu in delivering data that drives policy, planning and upliftment across Jammu & Kashmir.

## ICAI J&K Branch organises 'CA Walkathon 2025' promoting health among CA community



Chairman ICAI J&K Branch, CA Sourav Pargal and others posing with participants.

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**JAMMU:** The Jammu & Kashmir Branch of the Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on Sunday organized "CA Walkathon 2025" on the morning of Sundayat Manda Trek, near Manda Zoo, Jammu. The event witnessed overwhelming participation from the fraternity, with over 100 Chartered Accountants and CA students joining in for a refreshing and energizing morning walk. The walkathon commenced sharp at 6:00 AM, covering

a scenic trail through the verdant stretch of Manda forest. Conducted under the umbrella of ICAI's Vishwaseniya campaign, the walkathon formed an integral part of the CA Day celebrations by the branch. Registered participants were provided with free T-shirts and refreshments, further enhancing the spirit of participation and camaraderie. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman CA Sourav Pargal emphasized the importance of integrating physical health with professional commitments. "As members of a highly dedicated profes-

sion, maintaining our well-being is equally essential. Initiatives like these remind us to prioritize our health and encourage bonding within the CA community," he stated. The event was efficiently coordinated with enthusiastic support from the branch managing committee. The participants displayed great zeal and unity throughout the event. The walkathon concluded with refreshments and group photos, reflecting the strong spirit of fitness, togetherness, and pride among members of the ICAI family.