

Ranbir, Shubham of Jammu in Pro-Basketball League



J&K Basketball players, Ranbir Singh and Shubham Sharma being honoured after getting selected for Elite Pro Basketball League.

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JAMMU: Two senior and prominent Basketball players of Jammu and Kashmir, Ranbir Singh and Shubham Sharma have been picked for the Elite Pro Basketball League.

While Ranbir has been selected by Lucknow Swarms, Shubham is part of the Jaipur Giants. The selection of the professional teams for the League conducted

from May 11 to May 13 at Vijay Hazare Kotla Stadium, Hyderabad.

In total, 100 top cagers from 12 cities of the country were listed for the league after three days of tryouts.

Both these J&K players have also done Diploma in Sports coaching from NSNIS. Ranbir serves with Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) and posted at Girls High

School Garhi in district Udhampur.

Promising Shubham is one of the few India campers from J&K, who attended the prestigious camp in 2017. Shubham has represented J&K in the senior nationals for record 12 times. He has done Masters in Physical Education with gold medal and was also overall topper in his sports coaching course done from NIS Bangalore.

Athletics coach from J&K in India camp

JAMMU: Young athletics coach from Jammu and Kashmir, Tahir Mir has been appointed coach for the 21-day National coaching camp for Juniors at SAI NSNIS Patiala. Started on July 8, the camp shall conclude on July 28. In total, 59 athletes from across the country are attending the camp under the guidance of 14 member coaching and support staff. Tahir has been given the charge of Sprints and Relay in the camp, a detailed order issued by the SAI Regional Centre mentioned.

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Rahuldev wins Asthetic Natural Physique award

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JAMMU: Renowned sportsman of the J&K UT, Rahuldev Manhas, 59 yrs old, won most asthetic natural Physique (non-steroid) award of India.

He won recently concluded ICN India nationals held at New-Delhi.

He has been now selected to represent India in World Championship for natural athletes.

Moreover, Rahul is promoted as Executive Engineer in PDD awaiting his adjustment.

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BSF School Judoka shines in KIYG, selected for Asian Championship

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JAMMU: Akshay Sharma, a student of BSF School, Jammu, clinched a bronze medal in the Olympic discipline of Judo in Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) held at Panchkula Chandigarh.

Akshay brought accolades to the school by showcasing his excellent performance. He emerged as the star Judo player by winning bronze medal in the National event. Now, he will be participating in Asian Championship to be held in Thailand.

Akshay has been participating in Judo since the age of ten. He first represented J&K in the North Zone Championship in the year 2015. He won Bronze Medal in the sub-junior and cadet Judo National Championship held in Manipur in 2019-2020.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman/IG BSF Jammu Frontier, D K Boora said, "BSF School feels proud of Akshay's outstanding performance. Our decade-long effort to provide the best-in-class training and support to our students has resulted in his world class performance".

The DIG/PSO, S K Singh congratulated the Principal and the Sports department for inculcating sports culture in our students and creating a sports environment.

Principal Dr S K Shukla congratulated



Akshay for his incredible performance. He also wished him all the best for his future endeavours.

Meanwhile, Judo Association of Jammu & Kashmir also congratulated Akshay Sharma for selecting in Asian Cadet Judo Championship in 60 kg weight Category to be held at Bangkok Thailand. President Suresh Dutta Jammu & Kashmir Judo Association, Vikas Gupta Vice President Judo federation of India & Suraj Sharma General Secretary JKJA congratulated his NIS Judo Coach Rameshwar Singh Jamwal for his great achievement.

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JAMMU: A delegation of members of J&K Football Association (JKFA),

including presidents of zones of Kashmir Division called on Principal Secretary YSS J&K UT, Alok Kumar.

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The members discussed with him the present scenario regarding the game of Football and discussed about the conduct of elections of JKFA.

Alok Kumar emphasised the need for the development of Football across the UT for the budding footballers. He assured the delegation that YSS and JKSC will provide all possible help for the development of the game.

He assured the delegation that the elections of JKFA will be conducted soon.

J&K Blind Cricketers leave for World Cup selection

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JAMMU: Two Jammu and Kashmir cricketers, Rohit Sharma and Mohd Azeem on Sunday left for attending the 11-day coaching-cum-selection camp for the upcoming World Cup at Bangalore from tomorrow.

In total, 56 such promising cricketers from all over the country have been invited for the selection. The selection and the camp is sponsored by the NTT Data and organised by Samarthanam Trust for disabled with the BCCI.

"Both Rohit and Azeem today left for participation in the selection camp scheduled to start tomorrow at Bangalore. A warm send off was accorded to proud cricketers from J&K at the Jammu airport," informed general secretary of the Cricket Association for Blind J&K, Ajay Kumar.

Meanwhile, member J&K Sports Council and a long time associate of blind cricket, Ranjit Kalra complimented both Rohit and Azeem and wish they get selected for the World Cup thus bringing laurels to the UT of J&K.

"Both Rohit and Azeem are international cricketers from



General Secretary of Cricket Association for Blind J&K, Ajay Kumar according send-off to Rohit and Azeem at Jammu Airport on Sunday.

J&K and we look forward for their selection in the Indian team," said Kalra.

Ongoing protest of JTC/ SKFJK enters day 618



Members of Jagti Tenement Committee raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: The ongoing sit-in protest of Jagti Tenement Committee (JTC) /Soan Kashmir Front J&K (SKFJK) enters 618th day on Sunday. While speaking during the occasion, Shadi Lal Pandita, President JTC/ SKF J&K, said that the protest will continue till all the demands are fulfilled.

Pandita said that due to rising inflation, the relief holders are finding it hard to meet daily expenses with the

relief amount, due to which they are drowning in debts. Pandita further said that migrant KPs are protesting from last more than 600 days, demanding enhancement in monthly cash relief from Rs 13,000 to Rs 25,000 per month but it is really a matter of grave concern that the Government is least considerate towards our sufferings, forcing the exiled community to hold a sit-in protest.

The protestors also urged

Government to announce a new package of 20,000 jobs for migrant Kashmiri Pandit unemployed youth besides providing at least one job in that family, where none is working yet. The protesters also demanded compensation for property loss of 32 years, pending ex-gratia relief of gutted houses, compensation for over-aged youth, removal of illegal occupation from land, properties and religious places in Valley, setting up 3 townships in Anantnag, Srinagar and Baramulla, granting political reservation to migrant Kashmiri Pandits along with minority status.

Others present on the occasion included Kashi Nath Bhat, Ravinder Koul, Rakesh Ambardar, Kamal Pandita, Inder Labroo, Mohan Krishan Tickoo, Vijay Bakshi, Sunil Suri, Ramesh Kumar Bhat, Satish Pandita, Pintu, Charanjeet Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Ramesh Suri and G M Khan.

Mula Ram demands probe in Amarnath cloudburst

Says tents, Langars set-up for the first time in affected areas

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JAMMU: Vice-President JKPC and former Minister for Rural Development, Mula Ram on Saturday said that Government should order a probe into tragedy that struck near Amarnath cave. Sixteen people were killed and dozens got injured when a cloudburst hit near Amarnath cave and caused flash floods in the area, which washed away dozens of tents on Friday evening. "We are saddened by the tragedy. We hope LG Manoj Sinha will set up a commission on how it happened," he hoped. The former Minister demanded adequate compensation for those who lost their lives in incident, and said that such things should not happen. Mula Ram said that the area, where cloudburst hit, is quite dangerous and tents and Langars should not have been set-up there. "It is for the first time that tents and Langars were set-up there, as earlier, it used to be at Panjtarin. The Government should probe into the matter so that such things may not reoccur," he demanded.

Indian GM Iniyian finishes second in chess tournament at France

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LA PLAGNE : India's teenage Grandmaster P Iniyian finished second in the La Plagne International Open Chess Tournament 2022 here. The 19-year-old GM scored 7 points from nine rounds to tie for top spot with Ukraine GM Vitaly Sivuk early on Sunday. The Ukrainian, however, won the first prize on the basis of a better tie-break score. India's Sayantan Das with 6.5 points took the third place. Iniyian remained unbeaten through the nine rounds, winning five games and drawing four.

Bowlers make merry in low scoring affair

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JAMMU: Bowlers enjoyed the day in gloomy weather conditions as 16 wickets fell on Sunday in the match played between JKCA Team A1 and JKCA A4 at University of Jammu, here.

Earlier, resuming from 13/1, JKCA A1 managed to score 149 runs in 75 overs in their first innings. Udhay Pratap Singh and Rhythym Sharma scored 22 runs each, while Aryan Sharma contributed 20 runs to the total. For JKCA A4, Krishanbrahmin and Piyush Kant took 3 wickets each, while Ritvik Jaitley claimed 2 wickets.

In reply, JKCA A4 were 79/7 in 24 overs at the draw of stumps today. Ishan Bali top scored with 33 runs while Rahul Kumar and Daman Preet Singh contributed 18 and 11 runs respectively. For JKCA A1, Tauheed Ahmed and Piyush Sharma captured 3 wickets each while Aryan Sharma claimed 1 wicket. The match were officiated by Deepak Gupta and Vikram Dogra as umpires, while Ashok Singh was the scorer.

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players and their availability is something that we need to check on," a source said.

He added during that time, English domestic cricket would be underway and the Caribbean Premier League would also begin. The BCCI is checking if international players would have to be compensated financially for their participation.

As far as services of international cricketers are concerned, top BCCI officials will be in Birmingham for the ICC annual conference (July 22-26), where they might speak to officials of other boards to release a few of their players for the match in India.

Getting top stars of the Indian team won't be a problem, the sources said.

An away series against Zimbabwe, comprising three ODIs, ends on August 20. Some of the players in this particular series might arrive only on August 22 and hence, would not be available.

However, top players like Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Rishabh Pant, who are not going

to Zimbabwe, will be available before they leave for Asia Cup starting August 27 in Sri Lanka.

BCCI sources stated that all Indian players will be requested and they are likely to join the squad for the match.

They added that the Indian cricketers would need little convincing as it is an event organised under the aegis of the government of India.

The cause of concern at this time is to ensure that the quality of the World XI team is top-notch, they said.

As of now, it is unclear whether the match will have the status of an international T20 or a friendly. While it is yet to be confirmed, the match, if conducted, is likely to be held at Delhi's Feroz Shah Kotla ground.

The government's Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign is an initiative to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence, with a focus on highlighting events and people, which despite being part of the freedom struggle have been left largely unknown and unheard.

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JAMMU: The North Zone Inter Sainik Schools Sports and Cultural Meet-2022 starts at Sainik School Nagrota from 10 to 16 July 2022.

In this edition, eight Sainik Schools representing their respective states located in the North Zone, namely Sainik School Ghorakhal (Uttarakhand), Sainik School Kunjpura and Rewari (Haryana), Sainik School Kapurthala (Punjab), Sainik School Sujanpur Tira (Himachal Pradesh), Sainik School Amethi & Mainpuri (Uttar Pradesh) and the host Sainik School Nagrota (J&K) are taking part in this weeklong competition.

This mega event is scheduled to be formally inaugurated by one of the star alumni of the School Bhupinder Kumar, Transport Commissioner, J&K at Maj Somnath Sharma (PVC) Stadium.

Under the vision and

foresight of the Principal Captain (IN) AK Desai, the school campus reverberates "Change and Vibrancy" in every aspect and detail.

The entire academic and administrative mechanism is pressed into service round the clock to execute diligent planning so as to make the event a spectacular success.

The tournament will follow League cum Knock-out fixture to determine the Champion School in four different games which will represent North Zone in the upcoming Inter Zonal Championships at All India level.

This sporting extravaganza promises nail-biting action and thrill for sports enthusiasts right through the week.

Govt bats for cricket tie on Aug 22 as part of I-Day celebrations, writes to BCCI

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NEW DELHI: The government has sent a proposal to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to organise a cricket match on August 22 between India and the rest of the world as part of the 75th anniversary of independence.

The sources said that the proposal is still being discussed as there are a lot of "operational and logistical elements" associated with procuring the services of international players.

"We have received a proposal from the government to organise a cricket match between India XI and World XI on August 22. For a rest of the world squad, we would need at least 13-14 international

players and their availability is something that we need to check on," a source said.

He added during that time, English domestic cricket would be underway and the Caribbean Premier League would also begin. The BCCI is checking if international players would have to be compensated financially for their participation.

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