

Multi-Day matches real test to judge skill of players: JKCA

Shaurya slams splendid ton, Naved takes fifer as U-19 Multi-Day Tourney begins

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JAMMU: Promising middle-order batsman Shaurya Manhas scored a brilliant century and Naved took 5-wicket haul, while Basit Akbar, Arnav Gupta, Gursimran Singh, Mohammad Manzir and Udhay Pratap Singh displayed a good show on day-1 of the Under-19 Men's Multi-Day Cricket Tournament being organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) at four different venues across the Union Territory.

"After successful conduct of One-Day Tournaments in senior as well as junior age groups men and women, the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association has decided to organise Multi-Day tournaments beginning with Under-19 Men's category on Tuesday. The Multi-Day matches are the real test to judge the skill, temperament, aptitude and attitude of the players, besides their application and composure," said Sub Committee



Shaurya Manhas

Mohd Naved

Members of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Advocate Sunil Sethi and Cricketer Mithun Manhas in a joint statement issued today.

Meanwhile, at Jammu University Ground, winning the toss and batting first, JKCA A4 scored a paltry total of 119 runs in 27.4 overs in their first innings against JKCA A3. Arnav Gupta top scored with unbeaten 79 runs off 83 balls, studded with 12 fours and 1 six, while Ishan Bali contributed 14 runs to the total.

Mohd Naveed was the pick of the bowlers from A3, who captured 5 important wickets by conceding 33 runs in his 8 overs, while Mohd Mashooq and Prabjot Singh claimed 2 wickets each.

In reply, JKCA A3 scored 196 in 58.1 overs in their first innings. Akshat Gandral top scored with 50 runs including 8 delectable boundaries and 1 six, while Vansh Khadyal and Manoj Kumar contributed 41 and 40 runs to the total respectively.

For JKCA A4, Amaan

took 4 wickets, while Piyush Kant, Ritvik Jaitley and Krishaang Brahmin claimed 2 wickets each.

At Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, JKCA A2 scored 285 runs in 83.1 overs in their first innings Team A1. Shaurya Manhas slammed a brilliant century (100) off 145 balls, while Gursimran Singh contributed 64 off 65 balls.

For A1, Udhay Pratap Singh took 4 wickets by conceding 54 runs.

In reply, JKCA A1 were 7/0 in 4 overs at the draw of stumps today.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium Ground-A Srinagar, JKCA B1 scored 243 runs in 73.1 overs.

Azhad Arshid top scored with 49 runs, while Oman

Fayaz, Sakib Noor, Akeel Yaqoob and Taha Nazir contributed 32, 29, 27 and 24 runs respectively.

For JKCA B2, Sakib Lateef bagged 3 wickets, while Janib Javid and Ranjot Singh claimed 2 wickets each.

JKCA B2 in reply were 25/1 in 14.1 overs when the stumps were drawn today.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium-B Srinagar, JKCA B3 were 233/7 in 67 overs against B4 at the draw of stumps today. Basit Akbar scored magnificent 83 runs, while Mohammad Manzir contributed valuable 49 runs to the total.

For JKCA B4, left-arm spinner Zaid Wani took 3 wickets, while Arooj Parvaiz bagged 2 wickets.

District Kulgam Wushu C'ship concludes



Wushu players posing for a photograph with officials.

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SRINAGAR: Record around 900 participation witnessed in the District Kulgam Wushu Championship which was organised the district association under the aegis of Wushu Association of J&K at Sports Stadium, Kulgam, here.

The four-day event mobilised participants from schools, colleges and affili-

ated clubs. Those winners of different age and weight groups were presented the medals by Principal of the school and Manger of J&K Sports Council, who were special guests.

Meanwhile, Dronacharya Kuldeep Handoo, on behalf of the Association, appreciated the District Secretary Kulgam, Syed Muzamil for the organised district meet and thanked the parents

and heads of the educational institutions for allowing youngsters to take up the game of Wushu in a big way.

He lauded the support extended by the Sports Council in the promotion of Wushu sport every nook and corner of the UT J&K.

The Wushu Association of J&K, in the meantime, has organised such events at five districts, including four in Kashmir Division.

Mega Gurez ELFA Football Tournament concludes

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GUREZ: The maiden Mega Football tournament concluded in Gurez on Tuesday with SFA Football Club emerging as winners.

This event which was first of its kind at Gurez received huge acclaim and participation and was organised by the District Administration, Bandipora in collaboration with ELFA International under the guidance of Dr. Owais Ahmad District Development Commissioner (DDC) Bandipora and overall supervision of Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, ADDC Bandipora.

Among others present at the finals were Mohammad Ashraf Hakak ADDC Bandipora, DR. Mudasir, SDM Gurez, Bashir Ahmad SDPO Gurez.

The final match ended up in a round of penalties and SFA Football club emerged as winners, Sports Club Bandipora Dawar football came up as the runner up



Winner team receiving trophy from the dignitaries.

and Dawar Football club as the 2nd Runner up. Zakir Hussain Dar was awarded Man of the tournament

The event which was kick-started by SDM Gurez on 1st of July concluded here on 5th of July 2022 and witnessed huge participation of people who had gathered from Gurez and adjacent areas.

The event not only provided a rare occasion to the players to showcase their talent and sportsmanship, but provided the spectators with a climax of entertainment and show.

The people appreciated the

efforts of district administration and ELFA International for making the event possible and also asked the ELFA International to continue such events in future too. The people also hailed the ELFA International for its tireless efforts in the field of humanitarian sector and requested the organisation to extend its educational and healthcare programs in the area.

The ADDC said in his speech that the District Administration Bandipora and sub divisional adminis-

tration is committed to the overall and holistic growth and development of youth.

Hakak, while complimenting Elfa international, appreciated its efforts in carrying these activities far and wide to all corners of the Union territory. He ensured the administration's active support to events like these which not only provide positive engagement to the youth but also act as anti-drug addiction agents.

The event was also graced by SDPO Gurez, Bashir Ahmad. He appreciated the initiatives taken up by ELFA international in the direction of youth leadership programs, drug de-addiction via sports activities and the overall spectrum of their humanitarian and social work.

He said that the administration aspires to take these events to all zones of district Bandipora and expressed his intent to collaborate with ELFA international to

organise events like these in future too.

The winning team was given a cash award of Rs. 50,000 and the runner-up team received a cash prize of Rs. 25,000, second Runner-Up received a cash of Rs. 15,000 and each participating team was presented a token of appreciation of Rs. 3000 to encourage them and enhance their sporting activities from ELFA International.

Dr Mudasir Ahmad SDM Gurez, emphasised the role of such programs in places like Gurez which are otherwise left alone from the mainstream buzz of the state and people lack the requisite exposure.

Mehran Khan, CEO of ELFA International said that the program was an extension of ELFA International's initiative in youth leadership, sports and the Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign.

Malik Club wins Cricket title of Block Lassana



Winner team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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POONCH: The A Malik Club of Seri Chowana won the inter-Panchayat Block level cricket tournament of Lassana which was organised by Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), here.

In the final, A Malik Club defeated Lassana to claim the title trophy. The event is part of the YSS Cup. In total, 16 Panchayats of Block Lassana took part in this event.

The competition conducted under the supervision of

ZPEO Surankote, Vipan Kumar under the overall supervision of district (DYSS) officer, Mohd Qasim.

Sarpanch Seri Chowana A, Mohd Akber Malik was the chief guest, who encouraged the finalist teams.

Rajouri Judo meet concludes

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RAJOURI: Two-day District Rajouri Judo Championship organised by Rajouri Judo Association under the banner of Judo Association of J&K, concluded on Tuesday at District Coaching Centre, Sports Stadium, here.

In the prize distribution function, Manager Sports Stadium, Nirdosh Kumar Sharma was Chief Guest, who presented medals. Yasmeen Kouser of Yasmeen Sports Academy was Guest of Honour while Prem Chand was Special Guest.

The competition was officiated by the technical panel led by Manish Chatwal. In total, 80 young Judokas of the district participated in this event which was sponsored by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

GOLD: Misbah Rasid,



Judo players posing with officials after receiving medals.

Yuvika Sharma, Aradhya Gupta, Bilal Ahmed, Uswa Sheraz, Arjun Sharma, Ayanish Mehta, Rahil Shabir, Shehar Ultnisa, Sumayia Kossar, Ana Rashid and Ridhima Mahajan.

SILVER: Aimen Bhat, Nischay Sharma, Arza Masqood, Rehan, Sambhan Ayman, Rayhan, Aisha, Ferdous, Iza Maqbool, Asman Nazar, Atiya Jager and Nadia.

BRONZE: Sidra Sheraz, Mohd Hadeed, Disha Mir, Hargun Gupta, Fajer Islam, Rameez, Moh Iqbal, Sohal, Hamni and Ashok.

BBSB Hockey Club Poonch hails Govt for inducting Rajeev, Saqlain as members of Sports Society of JKSC

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POONCH: Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Hockey Club Poonch, affiliated with Hockey Jammu and Kashmir, on Tuesday hailed the Government of J&K for the induction of Rajeev Sharma President Hockey Jammu and Kashmir and Saqlain Tariq international volleyball player of District Poonch as members of the Sports Society of J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

Earlier, a meeting of the Club took place under the Hockey coach Matinder Pal Singh and Ranveet Singh wherein it was decided to express sincere thanks to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha; Commissioner Secretary, Alok Kumar and Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul.



SASB starts souvenir counter facility for pilgrims at Baltal, Chandanwari

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SRINAGAR: In addition to online facility of providing Prasad with Silver Coins, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), in its new initiative, has introduced offline facility for making Prasad/ Silver Coins available to the devotees, paying obeisance at Lord Shiva's Holy Cave Shrine, in the ensuing Shri Amarnathji Yatra which commenced on 30th June and will culminate on 11th August on day

of Raksha Bandhan.

Under this initiative, the Devotees can visit Souvenir Counter setup by the SASB at Holy Cave and buy Silver Coins of 5 gram and 10 gram weight at the rate of Rs. 700/- and Rs.1300/- respectively.

The Devotees can also have Prasad with 5 gram Silver Coin @ Rs.1000/-, Prasad with 10 gram Silver Coin @ Rs.2000/- and Prasad without Coin @ Rs. 501/- from the

Counters setup at Domel Access Control Gate (Baltal) and Chandanwari Access Control Gate, Pahalgam.

This will fulfil the long pending desire of the devotees, expressed from time to time. SASB in future will also continue to take such initiatives to provide more and more facilities to the pilgrims coming from all over the country as well as abroad for the Holy Yatra.

Ladakh Bikers to revive 'Serchu-Serchu' operation with Manali Bikers

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LEH: Ladakh Bike Rental Cooperative Ltd has announced that from July 7, 2022 onwards, Serchu-Serchu operation, earlier existing between bikers of Himachal Pradesh and Leh, would be brought back to practice in view of violations of Memorandum of Understanding by Manali Bike Union in recent days. "With hike in MoU violations every other day, which has been affecting local Bike rental business and also resulting into a threat to sustainability of the Ladakh Bike rental companies, the Union has unanimously decided to condemn the violations from Manali Bike Association and hence come back to Serchu- Serchu practice, as going on in past," Ladakh Bike Rental Cooperative President said during a press conference in Leh on Tuesday. He added that Manali bike union has been intimidated well in advance to support Serchu decision from July 7, 2022 to avoid any inconveniences.

Ladakh bikers said that in recent times, they felt that sus-

tainability and existence of the business is on a threat with many non-local bike agencies occupying and vandalising Bike Rental business. "Ladakh is a Tourist destination with a very limited season and out of which, the Bike Rental business only lasts for about 4 months due to weather conditions. As Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has also advocated 'Vocal for Local', we feel it is our moral responsibility and duty to strive for our local voice and its sustainability," he added. It was also decided that each union will reserve their internal routes & sightseeing destinations to themselves and any excessive violation may lead to alteration of the MoU. The Union President further said that there are around 200+ Bike Rental companies, registered with RTO Ladakh and functioning commercially with full legal aspects, paying all taxes to Government. Moreover, out of those 200+ companies, around 80 are new setups launched by unemployed youth of Ladakh and majority of them have started the same on Bank Loans.

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