

Under-19 Men's Multi-Day Cricket Tournament

Akshit, Basit slam tons; Nikhil, Umar, Taufeeq take 6-wkt hauls

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JAMMU: Talented batsmen Akshit Gandral and Basit Akbar slammed magnificent centuries, while Nikhil Sharma, Umar Javed and Taufeeq took 6 wickets each in their respective matches and the quartet of Gursimran Singh, Zaid Faisal, Adnan Tak and Asrar Malik scored half-centuries on Friday in the ongoing 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.

At Jammu University Ground, the match between JKCA A1 and A4 was called off by the umpires due to wet outfield.

At Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, 20 wickets fell on day-1 of the match between JKCA A2



Players posing for a photograph at Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium in Srinagar on Friday.

and A3.

Earlier, put into bat, JKCA A2 bundled out for 151 runs in 35 overs. Gursimran Singh top scored with 57 runs off 52 balls, while Shourya Manhas contributed 24 runs off 36 balls. Nikhil Sharma was pick of the bowlers for A3, who took 6 wickets by conceding 33 runs in 9 overs, while Vansh Khadyal claimed 2 wickets.

In reply, JKCA A3 were all out for 163 runs in 32 overs. Akshit Gandral played a brilliant power-packed innings of 102 runs off 81 balls. Umar Javed was the wrecker-in-chief for A2, who captured 6 wickets by giving away 38 runs in 11 overs, while Krishna Sharma bagged 3 wickets.

Team A2 were 63/0 in 14 overs at the draw of stumps

on day-1 today. Gursimran Singh (46) and Utkarsh Gupta (15) were at the crease when the stumps were drawn.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium Srinagar Ground-A, JKCA B4 scored 264 runs in 72.3 overs in their first innings against JKCA B1. Adnan Tak (62) and Asrar Malik (51) were the main scorers. For B1,

Taufeeq Hajam captured 6 wickets, while Sauleh bagged 3 wickets.

In reply, JKCA B1 were 62/1 at the draw of stumps today.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium Srinagar Ground-B, JKCA B3 scored 341 runs in 90 overs in their first innings against JKCA B2. Basit Akbar scored splendid 130 runs, while Zaid Faisal contributed valuable 90 runs to the total. For bowling side, Janib Javed took 2 wickets, while Yasir Rashid and Momin Altaf claimed one wicket each.

The matches were officiated by Deepak Gupta, Vikram Dogra, Girdhari Lal, Dayal Singh, Irfan Ashraf, Faizan Fayaz, Hilal Mir and Anees Ahmed as Umpires, while Ashok Singh, Heena Mehra, Anjid and Hilal Ahanger were the scorers.

Van Mahotsav week concludes at GGM Science College



NSS volunteers and faculty member of GGM Science College posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Van Mahotsava week concluded at GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan celebrating Azadi ka amrut mahotsav with the message to love, care, nurture plants.

NSS volunteers used plastic bottles from the college campus and planted saplings on the wall. Vertical gardens help to reduce the carbon footprint of a building by filtering pollutants and carbon dioxide out of the air, which also benefits those living nearby as the quality of the air is improved.

Vertical garden is a system for vertically

growing plants via structural support rather than horizontally in a plot of land.

In a vertical garden, you can grow plants upwards along existing structures like walls, arbors, or pergolas, or install structures like trellises or poles for support. Vertical farming is an innovative way to garden and conserve water. By stacking multiple "shelves" of vegetation, one can reuse water as it drains from one raised bed to another. This format of farming is an effective way to produce lettuce, kale, and other greens. Van Mahotsav week is celebrated to raise awareness among individuals regarding the importance of trees and inspire citizens to plant more of them.

Jammu gets its first Football promoter from corporate sector

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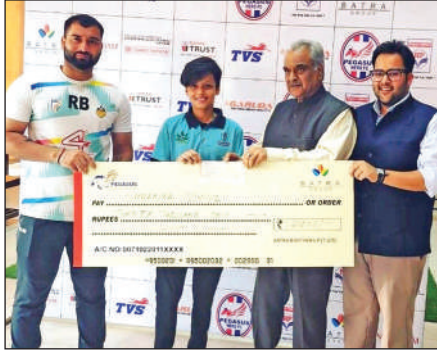
JAMMU: Football in Jammu has got its first true promoter from the corporate sector and the young man belongs to prominent business family of Batra Group, which owns ASCOMS Hospital and Medical College.

Bisham Batra has shown his love for the game of football and has already set up a football club in the name of 'Pegasus Hero Football Club'.

Recently, the Club in the presence of MD Batra Group, Davinder Batra and Director Bisham Batra felicitated three promising young under-17 female football players from Jammu Division, who represented J&K in the National Championship held in Assam and also got offers to play for the prominent club.

Shranya Devi presented with a cash reward of Rs 20,000 for becoming first female footballer from J&K to get opportunity to play in Super Division. Shranya has been offered by Parikrma Girls Club to join.

Other two equally promising footballers, Soniya Dubey and Eshika Dalia were also



Batra Group presenting a cash reward to promote budding Footballers.

presented cash rewards of Rs 5,000 each by the Batra Group for being part of the J&K team.

"We are proud of Shranya and wish her good luck for her future endeavours. We compliment and congratulate the coach, Rajinder Singh for his hard work," speaking on the occasion, said Bisham Batra.

Director inaugurates Inter-departmental Football tournament at NIT Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Director National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal on Friday inaugurated the inter-departmental football tournament 2022, in which eight department teams are participating.

The tournament is being organized by the Department of Physical Education NIT Srinagar. The inaugural function was presided over by Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Sehgal, while Institute's Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari was Guest of Honour. Dr. Srinibash Mishra, SAS Coordinator was also present on the occasion.

While inaugurating the



Football teams posing for a photograph with NIT faculty and officials.

mega football tournament, Prof. Sehgal applauded the role of Physical Education Department in conducting sports activities round the year and assured his full cooperation for future projects.

He said regular participation in sports activities teaches us to plan ahead and see through the conse-

quences of our acts. "We need to quickly assess the situation, adjust, adapt and act accordingly. Being flexible and not carry a fixed mindset," Director said.

On the occasion, Dr. Srinibash Mishra, SAS Coordinator expressed his gratitude to the NIT Srinagar administration

for supporting such initiatives on the campus.

He said 8 teams from 8 departments are participating in the mega event.

In 1st match Metallurgy and Material Engineering Department defeated Mechanical Engineering Department by 2:1. While in the second match, Civil Engineering Department

defeated CSE by 6-1.

Similarly in the 3rd match, ECE Deptt beat Electrical Engineering by 3-1 and in the 4th match Chemical Engineering Department beat IT Deptt by 4-1.

In 1st semi-final, Civil Engineering Department outplayed Metallurgy and Material Engineering Department by 4-1.

The tournament is being organized by Dr. Srinibash Mishra (SAS Coordinator), Kowsar Ali Mir (SAS Officer), Sohail Ahmad Baba (SAS Assistant), Abdul Gani Lone (Sr.Technician), Ghulam Hassan Dobhi (Sr. Technician), Abdul Rashid Sheikh (Office Attendant), Mohammad Akbar Dar, Habib Ull ah Akhoun, Nadeem Ahmad and Minhaj ul Hamid.

Rajesh Gill guides India to beat Cricket Wales in Marlborough Cup

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JAMMU: Former Ranji Trophy player & Member Indian Cricketers Association, Rajesh Gill played instrumental role in victory of International Veterans Cricket Association of India against Cricket Wales in ongoing Marlborough Cup being played at England.

Chasing a good target of 258 runs in requisite 45 overs, International Veterans Cricket Association of India started on a disastrous note as opener Rajinder Bhoombia was out on the second ball of



J&K former Ranji player, Rajesh Gill along with other members of Indian team posing for a photograph.

the innings.

But Rajesh Gill played a sheet anchor role with Captain Iqbal Khan. They both gave a solid Foundation

to the chase and shared 114 runs in between then before Gill was out for 66 in 73 balls studded with 12 fours. Iqbal Khan played

Captains knock and scored a magnificent 120 in 129 balls. International Veterans Cricket Association of India won the thrilling contest on

the last ball with 5 wickets in hand.

Earlier Cricket Wales scored 257 in 45 overs riding on good batting by Captain Iwan Rees (60) & Steve Maddock (58).

From bowling side of International Veterans Cricket Association of India, Iqbal Khan chipped in with 3 wickets, while Ashwani & D Sharma claimed 2 wickets each.

This International tournament is being played in England with teams from India, Wales, England & West Indies are participating.

Former Legislator honours meritorious students, says Govt making every effort to improve education scenario in J&K

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa today honoured students, who excelled in class 12th result. Randhawa honoured Harsh Gupta and Vaishali Kumari for securing 99 per cent marks in the recently declared class 12th result by Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE). Former Legislator emphasized upon the importance of taking admission in a good college which will facilitate timely completion of studies. He also appealed to other students to get inspiration from these meritorious students. He further added, "Change is a new constant and it is required for nation building. Students should be nourished with this thought process and teachers should adapt to such changes. The wholesome development of a child or a person is very important for nation building and progress. As a nation, we need to create educated and



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa honouring a meritorious student.

creative personalities." Randhawa said that besides studying hard the students should aspire to become responsible citizens imbued with good moral character. Emphasising on educating a child, Randhawa said, "A good education system develops the mind of a child towards progress, nationalism and social development. Children must be allowed to think, analyse, debate, react and come up with their own conclusion." "These students have achieved this high rank with their efforts and dedication and others should also follow them", Randhawa said and also appreciated their parents and teachers for providing their full cooperation to the students to achieve this feat. He said that the Government is making every effort to improve the education scenario in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, adding that various schemes have been launched to achieve improvement in this regard.

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Udhampur DYSS Handball Academy gets sports material



DYSS officer, Swaran Singh and others after presenting sports material to Handball Academy.

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UDHAMPUR: Established by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Mini Stadium, here, the DYSS Handball Academy today presented sports material by the district (DYSS) officer, Swaran Singh amidst interaction with young trainees at the sports facility.

Saying that there was no compromise for the facilities

for those talented and hard-working youth, the district officer promised latest training equipment. To begin with, the district officer handed over 'Medicine Ball' and other material for support the exercise and warm-up sessions.

The district officer was happy to see a lot of improvement among the youngsters and complimented the technical staff of the

DYSS posted at the Academy. Present at the venue, parents of a couple of young trainees also shared their experience with the district officer and expressed their happiness over the support and encouragement from the department.

Also present were Som Dev Khajuria, Rishi Kumar Sharma, Karun Magotra, Vipin Photra and Pawan Janwal.

Strengthen sports infrastructure in rural areas: Dr Rameshwar urges Govt

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BANI: Dr Rameshwar Singh, ZMO Koti Chandyar, Tehsil Bani, has raised serious concern over the alleged lack of sports infrastructure in rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir. He demanded effective edifice for sports in the rural hamlets of the region to ensure healthy villages free from drugs, alcohol and criminal mindset, which is eating up the vitals of society.

He expressed this while addressing the august gathering during the 1st Edition of Volleyball Tournament organized by the Elite Sports Club at Bani. On the occasion, Kajol Thakur was the Chief Guest.

In the tournament, a total of 20 teams participated in which Pathankot Spartan clinched the Winning Trophy.

Dr Rameshwar Singh said that there is dire need to provide sports facilities to the youth of rural areas as the drug menace is on the rise in Jammu region especially its rural areas. He asserted that the government must make every effort



Winner team posing with dignitaries after receiving trophy.

leaving no stone unturned in promoting sports culture among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir especially in the rural areas.

Asserting that J&K students are very talented, Dr Rameshwar said that there is a dire need to provide them platform so that the deserving and hardworking youth of J&K get appropriate opportunities to develop their talent and bring laurels to the J&K UT and the nation by achieving success in national and international sports events.

Kajol Thakur, in her address, said that the government should take adequate steps in strengthening

the sports infrastructure and involve the maximum number of youth in the sports for the overall development of youth and making the society healthy and progressive. She said that youth are the future of the country and the nation builders therefore political leadership has the responsibility to channelize the energy of youth to make them meaningful citizens, who can steer the nation to the next level.

Among others who were present include Salaman, Pankal, Nawaj, Shakeel Khan, Sunder, Shahid, Arif, Ashraf, Sudan Khan and Aftab.

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