

Arav to meet Naman in Sub-junior Billiards final



Players competing in Jammu District Billiards and Snooker Championship at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Arav Gupta shall take on Naman Gupta in the final of Billiards in the Sub-junior boys event in the ongoing Jammu District Billiards and Snooker Championship at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here.

In the meantime, semifinals lineup has been drawn in the Sub-junior Snooker event today. The Snooker semifinals have scheduled for

at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here.

Poonch jail gets volleyball court

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POONCH: In order to provide a platform of recreation and sports activities to people under judicial custody in Poonch Jail, a volleyball court was inaugurated in the jail complex of Monday. Chairman of Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch, Mohammad Tariq declared open the sports facility in the presence of Superintendent of District Jail Poonch, Sheikh Khalid Amin and other officials. While inaugurating the volleyball court, Mohammad Tariq said that recreational activities are prerequisite for inclusive well being of any individual. He hailed the steps taken by Jail authorities for the inmates. On this occasion, an inter barrack volleyball match was also played. Among other prominent present were Ramiz Tariq (FIVB qualified volleyball coach) and Ayaz Ahmad Madni (national volleyball player).



Chairman of Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch, Mohammad Tariq inaugurating volleyball court at Poonch jail.

Director Tourism Kashmir flags off Multiple Trekking Expeditions to promote Adventure Tourism



Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob Farooq flagging off trekking expedition.

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SRINAGAR: Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob Farooq, today flagged off a series of trekking expeditions, marking a significant step in promoting adventure tourism in Kashmir.

The expeditions were flagged off from the Tourist Reception Center, commencing journeys along the breathtaking alpine trails of Kashmir.

The selected alpine trails for these expeditions include the renowned Kashmir Great Lakes Trek, Tarsar Marsar Trek, as well as Gurez and Boadpathri. These expeditions aim to provide tourists

with an unparalleled adventure experience amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Kashmir.

Director Yaqoob Farooq emphasized the significance of adventure tourism in enriching the overall tourist experience in Kashmir.

He stated that the adventure tourism is our main focus, and we are dedicated to ensure that tourists explore and indulge in thrilling activities while enjoying the natural beauty of Kashmir.

The expeditions comprise a diverse group of professionals and tourists from across India.

Highlighting the ongoing initiatives, Director Tourism mentioned that as part of the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahatsav celebrations, J&K Tourism is actively promoting 75 new trekking routes. Efforts are also underway to popularize aero adventures, providing visitors with a variety of exhilarating options to explore the region.

In line with the commitment to preserving the natural environment, the trekkers were advised to strictly adhere to safety and cleanliness protocols.

Director Tourism expressed his satisfaction with the growing popularity of adventure activities in Kashmir.

um at Rajpora and renovating and improving infra at Pulwama Stadium.

The DC assured that said more measures will be taken to involve the youth in sports activities so that they not only play it for entertainment but are trained to play professionally to make sports a career option.

SKK Divyang students excel in 11th Class exam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The School for Hearing Handicapped, run by the J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra, Jammu (SKK) has once again registered cent percent result of the 11th class.

The J&K Board of School Education has announced result of 11th class today.

Out of 14 deaf & dumb students appeared in the 11th class examination, two have got distinction, eleven got first division & one second division.

Fozia Shamsh with 75.4 per cent marks topped the School. Sonam Chib is the second Distinction holder of the school securing 74.47 per cent marks.

For the last eight years, the divyang students of the School are getting cent percent result in all BOSE examination for

8th class, 10th, 11th & 12th class.

The President K B Jandial & members of Governing Committee have congratulated the students, their parents, Principal & the teachers for such a brilliant performance at the examination.

The SKK is providing free education to deaf & dumb students from class 1st to 12th. It also provides free uniform including blazers & sweaters besides text books & stationery.

The School has the blessings of Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha who has specially sanctioned an annual grant of Rs 5 lakh for three years. The members of the SKK & civil society too have contributed Rs 5.40 lakh last year including one lakh by a charitable Trust.

Raju Sharma qualifies BCCI's Level-2 Cricket Coaching Course

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SRINAGAR: Hailing from Buddu Billawar of Kathua District, J&K's former First Class Cricketer Raju Sharma has passed BCCI's Level-2 Coaching Course and has qualified for the prestigious Level-3 Coaching Course of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Head Coach of J&K Under-19 Men's team, Sharma has the distinction of leading Jammu and Kashmir to historic win in U-19 Men's Vinoo Mankad Trophy last season.

Apart from Coaching J&K team, Raju has the honour of Coaching U-23, U-19 and U-16 Delhi teams more than once.



Sharma has also the experience of working with the Delhi Daredevils team in more than one IPL seasons'.

Raju Sharma has represented Jammu and Kashmir in 16 Ranji Trophy (4-day) matches and 13 List A (One-Day) matches.

Playing as an all-rounder

(right-handed batter and right-arm medium pacer), Sharma averaged around 30 in List A and 10 wickets in 13 games, with superb economy.

"Though I have spent most of the time in guiding budding cricketers from Delhi to hone their cricketing skill, yet working with J&K boys has been a different experience. J&K possesses immense cricketing talent, which is being properly nurtured under the supervision of JKCA Administration."

It is pertinent to mention here that Raju Sharma has been instrumental in guiding and goading good number of young cricketers from Delhi to make it to the International level.

Four JKCA players in Deodhar Trophy



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SRINAGAR: The North Zone Zonal Selection Committee met at New Delhi on Monday to select the North Zone team for the upcoming Deodhar Trophy.

Four players of JKCA namely Shubham Khajuria, Vivrant Sharma, Yudhvir Singh and Aqib Nabi have been chosen to represent North Zone.

The selectors have chosen eight reserve players in addition to the main squad of 15. Aqib Nabi is in the list of reserves.

Deodhar Trophy will be played at Puducherry from July 24 to August 3, 2023, stated Brig Anil Gupta in a press release issued by JKCA.

It's another feather in the cap of JKCA and the acknowledgement of the growing stature of cricket in J&K.

The Sub Committee members have complimented the players selected for the Deodhar Trophy and hoped that they would make a mark in the tournament with their performances.

North Zone Squad:

Nitish Rana (Captain), Abhishek Sharma, Prabhsimran Singh, SG Rohilla, S Khajuria, Mandeep Singh, Himanshu Rana, Vivrant Sharma, Nishant Sindhu, Rishi Dhawan, Yudhvir Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Harshit Rana, Vaibhav Arora, Mayank Markande.

Stand bys: Mayank Dagar, Mayank Yadav, Arslan Khan, Shubham Arora, Yuvraj Singh, Manan Vohra, Auqib Nabi, Shivank Vashisht.

Lt. Gen. (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain reviews Disaster Management preparedness for SANJY via Baltal axis

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Member National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lt. Gen. (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain on Monday convened a meeting of the officers of line departments and security agencies including representatives of SDRF & NDRF to review the Disaster preparedness for ongoing Shri Amarnathi Yatra (SANJY) 2023, at Youth Hostel Sonamarg, here.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir; SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah; CEO SDA, SDM Kangan, CMO Ganderbal, Executive Engineers of various wings besides senior officers from various security agencies.

The meeting was informed that adequate SDRF and NDRF personnel with qualified Disaster Management Professionals have been deployed at all stations for smooth conduct of the Yatra.

While detailing about the Disaster Management preparedness, member NDMA discussed various aspects of disaster management including the incident response system, communication plan, mitigation plan, various levels of disaster management, different types of calamities and safeguard against them, role of the departments during disasters, route plan, metrological & geographical factors and other related aspects.

The DC briefed the meeting about the preparations disaster wise including medical facilities, KPDC, Fire and Emergency Services, FCS&CA, Jal Shakti, flood related emergency, landslides and availability of infrastructure during disaster via Baltal route.

The DC said that Incident Response System has been revised and all vulnerable



NDMA Member Lt. Gen. (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

spots are mapped out and sufficient manpower along with machinery is deployed to meet any exigency.

Regarding Communication Plan, the DC said that the District Disaster Management Control Room and Joint Control Room about the disaster manned by representatives of all concerned departments are setup at Baltal under the overall supervision of the Yatra Officer and Camp Commander and are in direct communication with the State Emergency Operation Centre Srinagar, PCR, and ICCO for a prompt response during emergencies. Wireless coverage is ensured at all Yatra Camps for better communication, he informed.

Similarly, for mitigation plan the DC informed that

IMD has set up base camp office at Baltal equipped with MET instruments and manpower who provide 24/7 weather information to Yatra Managers, including the Police, Administration, CRPF, Army, and Shrine Board and upon receiving information from the IMD, the Camp Directors diligently ensure the safety of the Yatris by promptly taking necessary actions.

He further informed that Common Alerting Protocol system has been adopted to issue alerts and warnings in the form of SMSs to large populations in specific regions so that pilgrims are able to adjust their visit plans based

on the received alerts.

While interacting with the officers, Syed Ata Hasnain said that the purpose of holding the meeting was to take brief review of arrangements to ensure that the Disaster preparedness plan is implemented as per the guidelines and to take feedback from different stakeholders to further improve it.

He stressed upon employing the proactive and anticipating procedure for the smooth and incident free management of Yatra.

He also advised all stakeholders to ensure that all necessary measures are put in place so that Yatries do not face any issues, especially in the event of adverse weather or natural calamity. Syed Ata Hasnain suggested that a documented SOP shall be laid down at the district level for yatra containing all aspects so that every stakeholder is aware about the arrangements pertaining to them and prepare accordingly.

Jammu Badminton meet from July 12

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu City and District Badminton Association shall hold 28th Jammu District Championship at Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here from July 12 to 18.

As per a notice issued by the Association, the competition shall be held in nine different age groups starting from under-11 year group to senior men and women in both singles and doubles categories.

The matches shall be played following the guidelines of Badminton Association of India (BAI).

Police inaugurates Cricket Tournament in Sopore

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SOPORE: In a remarkable initiative to promote sports and community engagement, police under the auspices of the Civic Action Programme inaugurated the Cricket Tournament in Sopore. The opening ceremony of the Cricket Tournament was inaugurated by ADC Sopore Shabir Ahmad Rawa at Noorgah Sopore.

On this occasion, DySP DAR Sopore Hilal Ahmad Hilal-JKPS and other senior officers and officials of Police were present. The inaugural match played between Alvalued Cricket Club Shair Colony and Khan Sports Club Shair Colony which was won by Khan Sports Club by 4 wickets and Irshad Ahmad was declared man of the match. The event witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, community leaders and enthusiastic spectators, who came together to support the participating teams. In this event, 32 cricket teams will participate in the tournament.

The chief Guest Shabir Ahmad Rawa while interacting with the players and other audience highlighted the significance of sports in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being and overall personality development. He underscored the role of sports in empowering youth/women, instilling discipline and nurturing leadership qualities. It is pertinent to mention here that Police is organising different sports events, like volleyball tournament, football tournament, cultural programmes and other co-curricular activities in Sopore for upliftment of sports among the youth.

