Arav to meet Naman in **Sub-junior Billiards final**



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

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Arav Gupta shall take on Naman Gupta in the final of Billiards in the Subjunior boys event in the ongoing Jammu District Billiards at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here.

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

Earlier, in the quarterfinals, decided today, Divansh Abrol beat Vyas Narang in straight frames of 53-25, 50-39 while Naman Gupta beat Arav Gupta 2-0 (52-24, 56-31).

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

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, elevan 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

For the last eight years, the divyang students of the School are getting cent percent result in all BOSE examinationd for 8th class, 10th, 11th & 12th

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 & sta-

The School has the blessings of Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha who has specially sanctioned an annual grant of Rs 5lakh 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

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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Hailing from Buddu Billawar of Kathua District, J&K's former First Class Cricketer Raju Sharma has 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 sea-

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 $_{
m Jammu}$ 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.

Poonch jail gets volleyball court

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).



Volleyball Club Poonch, Mohammad Tariq inaugurating volleyball court at Poonch jail.

Four JKCA players in Deodhar Trophy



STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The North 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

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

It's another feather in the cap of JKCA and the acknowledgement of the growing stature of cricket in

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 Khajuria, Mandeep Singh, Himanshu Vivrant Sharma, Nishant Sindhu. Dhawan, Yudhvir Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Harshit Vaibhav Rana. Mayank Markande

Stand bys: Mayank Dagar, Mayank Yadav, Arslan Khan, Shubham Arora, Yuvraj Singh, Manan Vohra,

J&K Bank wins award for Best Performance in CASA

SRINAGAR: J&K Bank has been felicitated for The Best Performance in CASA-India (1st Runner up in Small Bank Category) at ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2022. The event saw participation of scores of Banks from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka & Mayanmar. Bank's Branch Manager Goa received the award at a grand function organized by Indian Chamber of Commerce in Goa on 8th July 2023.

Speaking on the development, Bank's MD&CEO Baldev Prakash described the award as acknowledgement of Bank's efforts to consolidate the fundamentals of the Bank through a prestigious international platform.

(PricewaterhouseCoopers), Indian chapter of one of the biggest multinational



J&K Bank's Branch Manager Goa receiving award at ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave.

professional services network, was the Process Reviewer for these Awards. Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), a non-governmental trade association and advocacy group headquartered in Calcutta, is proactive in BFSI segment across BIMSTEC (The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation). There are seven member countries in the BIMSTEC organization- five being from South Asia i.e., Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka and two from Southeast Asia i.e.,

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



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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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

The expeditions 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

breathtaking landscapes of

Director Yaqoob Farooq emphasized the significance of adventure tourism in enriching the overall tourist experience in Kashmir. He stated that the adven-

ture 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

with an unparalleled adven- initiatives, Director Tourism Azadi Ka Amrut Mahautsay 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 exhil-

to preserving the natural environment, the trekkers were advised to strictly adhere to safety and cleanliness proto-

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

arating options to explore the region. In line with the commitment

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

STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: National Disaster Authority Management. (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 Amarnathji 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

Disaster Management pre-

NDMA Member Lt. Gen. (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain chairing a meeting at Srinagar. paredness, member NDMA discussed various aspects of disaster management includ-

ing the incident response system, communication plan, mitigation plan, various levels ferent 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, KPDCL, Fire and Services, Emergency FCS&CA, Jal Shakti, flood related emergency, landslides and availability of infrastructure during disaster via Baltal route.

revised and all vulnerable

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

Plan, the DC said that the 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 ICCC for a prompt response during emergencies. Wireless coverage is ensured at all Yatra

plan the DC informed that

IMD has set up base camp office at Baltal equipped with MET instruments and manpower who provide 24/7 Regarding Communication 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

> 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

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

on the received alerts.

While interacting with the officers, Syed Ata Hasnain

said that the purpose of hold-

ing the meeting was to take brief review of arrangements

to ensure that the Disaster

preparedness plan is imple-

mented as per the guidelines

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

diverse group of professionals deployed at all stations for Camps for better communica-The DC said that Incident smooth conduct of the Yatra. tion, he informed. and tourists from across Similarly, for mitigation While detailing about the Response System has been Highlighting the ongoing

Dist Level Inter Block open T20 Cricket Tournament inaugurated

STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: The Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom on Monday inaugurated the District Level Inter Block open T20 Cricket Tournament at Stadium Sports Pulwama.

The tournament has been organised District Administration Pulwama in collaboration with the Department of Youth Service & Sports (DYS&S) Pulwama.

Teams from all 11 Blocks of the district are participating in the tournament and the inaugural match was played between team Shadimarg and team Pampore.

On the occasion, Dr. Basharat interacted with the players and appreciated them for taking part in sports activities. He also hailed the services of



DC Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom interacting with players

providing DYS&S in opportunities to the local youth to spend their energies in productive works.

He said the government has taken keen interest to provide best sports facilities to the youth of Kashmir and several playgrounds have been developed in at least every Panchayat besides constructing an indoor stadium at Rajpora and renoimproving vating 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.

FIITJEE's stress-free learning environment empowers students to excel in JEE Advanced 2023

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: FIITJEE, celebrates the remarkable performance of its students nationwide in JEE Advanced 2023. The results not only highlight their exceptional academic achievements but also the effectiveness of FIITJEE's stress-free and holistic approach powered by their value system, ethics, and unique teaching methodology, relatively stress-free hard work by both faculty and students, producing consistently excellent results year on year in a row and now for the $27 \mathrm{th}$ year in HT-JEE/JEE Advanced.

FHTJEE's holistic approach ensures the transformative success of all the students despite not having Long Gruelling classes and without sacrificing the wellrounded development of students, unlike coaching institutes at many places in the country.

Classroom Program students excel in JEE Advanced 2023, securing 3 positions in the Top 10 and 32 positions in the Top

Across all programmes, FIITJEE students dominate in every range of All India Ranks, with 3 students in the Top 10 and 37 students in the

Notable achievers include Rishi Kalra from the Four-Year Classroom Program securing an outstandingAll India Rank 3 with a score of 336/360, highlighting his unwavering focus and dedication. Prabhav Khandelwal, a student of One Year Live Online Classroom Program, achieves an astounding All India Rank 6 with a score of 325/360 and Malay Kedia, initially enrolled in the Four-Year Classroom Program and later upgraded to Pinnacle -Two Year Integrated School

Program, secures an impres-

sive All India Rank 8 with a remarkable score of 324/360, showcasing his determination and perseverance.

R L Trikha, Director, FIIT-JEE Group, extends his heartiest congratulations and felicitations to the triumphant students and dedicated teachers who played a pivotal role in this outstanding achievement.

He stated, "The success of our students in JEE is a testimony to the effectiveness of FHTJEE's stressfree approach in bringing out the best in students. We take pride in providing an environment that prioritizes the well-being of our students while nurturing their academic growth. Our thoughts & prayers go out to students in other areas with the most renowned coaching hubs for JEE & NEET, who face immense pressure & challenges during their preparations."

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 Ahamd Rawa at Noorgah

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 Alwaleed 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.