

Joginder Dalal is new president of BSFI

STATE TIMES NEWS
ROHTAK: Dr Joginder Singh Dalal, the founder of OPJS University, Churu Rajasthan was unanimously elected as the president of Baseball Softball Federation of India (BSFI).
 Anup Asthana of Rajasthan has been elected as senior vice president while Manoj Kohli of Himachal Pradesh has been unanimously elected as secretary general and Fida Hussain Fidi of J&K as treasurer.
 Apart from these, Dr. Sudhir Kumar Mohindru of Himachal Pradesh, BPS Rana of Uttarakhand, Assam's DD Khaund (IAS),



Newly elected President BSFI, Dr Joginder Singh Dalal honouring with office bearers.

Rajeev Dalal and Omkar Singh of Haryana were elected as vice presidents while Pankaj Jain of Madhya Pradesh become senior joint secretary. Pramod Kumar from Punjab, Taranum

Khan from Chhattisgarh, Rajkumar from Bihar, Mohit Basral from Chandigarh, and Ashok Parmar from Haryana were elected as joint secretaries of the Federation.

In the meantime, the newly elected president, Dr. Joginder Singh Dalal expressed gratitude to all the delegates and congratulated the newly elected office bearers.

On this occasion, Olympic medalist wrestler, Yogeshwar Dutt, member of the Executive Committee of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), hoped BSFI would do its best to make this game more popular.
 Mahamandaleswar Swami Raghavendra Bharti of Niranjani Akhara blessed and said that sports and players are the pride of the country.
 Former Mayor of Rohtak Municipal Corporation, Renu Dabla, district president Ranveer Dhaka and Deputy Mayor Rajkamal Raju Sehgal were among other prominent present.

Double title for Prabhleen in Junior group



Prabhleen Singh competing in Billiards and Snooker Championship at Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Prabhleen Singh excelled in the Junior group taking away both Billiards and Snooker titles in the ongoing District Jammu Billiards and Snooker

Championship at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here on Wednesday. In the Snooker final, Prabhleen defeated Varsh Gupta 2-0 (80-30, 55-26) and later trounced Devansh Abrol in Billiards

title clash in straight frames 50-20, 50-40. Meanwhile, as per the organising committee, the Senior Billiards and Snooker competition shall start tomorrow.

Naveen replaces Sat Pal as Manager MA Stadium

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief coach (Cricket), who has been now designated as Manager by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), has been transferred from district Udhampur to MA Stadium, here.
 Naveen has replaced another chief coach (Football), Sat Pal Singh, who has been shifted to Mini Stadium, Parade, the upgraded venue for football in Jammu.
 Senior Judo coach at Stadium, Udhampur, Vikas Dogra has been asked to look after the affairs of the office of the Manager Udhampur Stadium in addition to his duties, till further orders.

Sarvagya of Heritage School wins second position in Int'l Dance Competition



Heritage School faculty felicitating Sarvagya Sharma.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sarvagya Sharma, daughter of Surinder Kumar Sharma and Ritu Sharma and student of Heritage School Jammu class 10 C brought laurels to the school by winning second position in the '3rd Mount Everest International Music And Dance Sports Association Competition-2023', held in Kathmandu, Nepal. She won this accolade in semi-classical dance form in the age category of 13-15 years. The Principal, the staff and the students congratulate Sarvagya on her incredible performance and wish her all the best for future endeavours.

LG Mishra for instituting LG Polo Cup for Leh to hold polo matches

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) and First Lady Neelam Mishra attended the opening ceremony of the 2nd CEC Cup Polo Tournament held at Shagaran, Chuchot Gongma, as the Chief Guest.
 Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalsen and Councillor, Chuchot, Mirza Hussain were present during the event.



Lt Governor Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra interacting with polo team at Leh.

Sameer Ali qualifies for BCCI's Level-2 Coaching Course

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Hailing from District Srinagar, J&K's former First Class Cricketer Sameer Ali has passed BCCI's Level-1 Cricket Coaching Course and has qualified for Level-2 Coaching Course of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
 Sameer's letter of qualification was sent to the Administrators of JKCA by former Test Cricketer VVS Laxman, Head National Cricket Academy (NCA) Bowling Coach of J&K Under-25 Men's team last season, Sameer was the part of the Support Staff of Jammu and Kashmir U-25 team which created history by qualifying for the knockout stage in U-25 Men's State-A Trophy.
 Apart from being a qualified Level-1 Coach now, Mr Sameer has the distinction of being a qualified NIS Cricket Coach.
 Sameer Ali has represented Jammu and Kashmir in 15 Ranji Trophy (4-day) matches, 9 List A (One-Day) matches and 5 T20 matches.
 Playing as a right-arm seam bowler, Sameer had the reputation of consistently hitting the ball in good areas and generating a lot of pace and purchasing bounce even on docile tracks, besides wobbling the ball both ways.
 He has taken 31, 9 and 5 wickets in First Class, List-A and T20 matches respectively, with 4/74, 2/27 and 2/15 as his best bowling figures in these formats respectively.
 "The qualification of BCCI's Level-1 Coaching Course has added more responsibility on my shoulders and I firmly believe that I will deliver the job to a perfection and to the best of my abilities," maintained Mr Sameer.
 It is pertinent to mention here that Sameer has been instrumental in honing the skills of a good number of budding cricketers.

and also for the promotion of the region's rich culture, heritage and traditions.
 He stated that the Administration's focus is providing quality education along with employment opportunities to the Ladakhi youth.
 Stating that 'our youth will take Ladakh forward,' he also informed about efforts being made by the Administration to provide more jobs to the youth through the notification of Recruitment Rules for various gazetted posts and also by filling up posts for non-gazetted posts through Staff Selection Commission and SSRB.
 LG informed about various measures being taken by the Administration to procure hi-tech equipment at health institutions to provide good health services to the public.

He also informed about his plans and efforts being made to make Ladakh a Corruption, Delay and Drug-Free union territory.
 Turning polo as 'a traditional sport of Ladakh,' LG highlighted the need to promote the game of polo by organising the LG Cup Polo Tournament in Leh also during the Ladakh Festival in which teams from different parts of India would be invited to take part.
 He stated that this initiative will also attract tourists and boost tourism activities in different parts of Ladakh. He sought cooperation from the public in organising a high-standard polo tournament.
 Renowned singers from Ladakh- Dorjay Stakmo and Kunzes Dolma performed during the event. The auspicious Apo-Api dance was also performed on the occasion.

DDRC organises North Kashmir Inclusive Sports event



DC Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad inaugurating North Kashmir Inclusive Sports Event.

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANDIPORA: The District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) Bandipora, in collaboration with the District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday organized North Kashmir Inclusive Sports Event at SK Sports Stadium Bandipora.
 The grand event was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad.
 Prominent dignitaries and officials from the District Administration Bandipora including Nodal Officer Coordination Mohammad Ashraf Hakak

attended the event. The initiative aimed to promote inclusivity, unity and sportsmanship among diverse communities. The event showcased a range of activities, including Inclusive Cricket, Carrom, Chess, and Wheelchair Race captivating the participants and spectators alike.
 The North Kashmir Inclusive Sports Event was designed to celebrate diversity and create an environment that embraces people of all abilities. By integrating various sporting activities, the event successfully bridged the gaps between different segments of society, fostering mutual understanding and acceptance.
 Speaking on the occasion, Dr Owais said that the North Kashmir Inclusive Sports Event offers a platform for individuals with disabilities, enabling them to showcase their talent, determination, and indomitable spirit.
 The players demonstrated their exceptional skills and sportsmanship, reminding everyone that disabilities should never limit one's ability to excel. The matches were fiercely contested, filling the air with excitement and creating an electrifying atmosphere for the spectators.

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Sameer Ali with NCA Head VVS Laxman.

New Era Club wins Captain Saurabh Kalia Cricket Tournament trophy



New Era Cricket Club of Poyen village after receiving winner trophy at Leh.

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: New Era Cricket Club of Poyen village outplayed Rising Star of Lato village by 18 runs in the final and won trophy of 19th Captain Saurabh Kalia Cricket Tournament, organised by the Army in honour of Late Capt Saurabh Kalia, MVC who laid down his life for the nation during Operation Vijay.
 A total of 60 cricket

teams from various parts of Kargil competing for the coveted trophy from May 22 to July 11, 2023.
 Deputy General Officer Commanding, Forever in Operations Division witnessed the final match along with various other civil and military dignitaries.
 On culmination, he presented the Captain Saurabh Kalia Cricket Rolling Cup to the newly

crowned Cricket Champions.
 Felicitating the winners and runners-up teams with trophies, individual medals and prizes, the chief guest complimented them for their high standards of sportsmanship and remembered Capt Saurabh Kalia, and other Bravehearts of the Kargil War who laid down their lives in the service of nation.

West Bengal Sonarpur Arohi Club, local youth set out on epic journey to conquer Mt Brammah-1

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: The West Bengal Sonarpur Arohi Club comprising a team of 12 skilled climbers, including renowned mountaineers Rudra Prasad Halder and Satyarup Siddhanta has arrived in Kishtwar region with the ambitious goal of summiting Mt Brammah-1.
 This mountain, standing at a formidable height of 6416 meters, has witnessed only four successful ascents in its history, with the last one occurring 43 years ago in 1980. Should the team succeed, they will etch their names in Indian mountaineering history as the first Indian team to conquer Mt Brammah-1.
 The team, consisting of a diverse mix of experienced and junior climbers, has also been joined by six sherpas to assist in the challenging expedition.
 The climb coincides with the Brammah Sarovar Yatra, attracting numerous devotees to the region. The Brammah Sar Yatra committee members in Kibber nalla have generously offered accommodations and meals to the team, extending their best wishes for their undertaking.
 Notably, the West Bengal Sonarpur Arohi Club is no stranger to remarkable mountaineering achievements. Rudra Prasad Halder, who has successfully climbed Everest, Kanchenjunga, Indrasan, and numerous Himalayan peaks, brings his extensive experience to the team. Satyarup Siddhanta, a world record holder mountaineer and the youngest person to conquer the Seven Summits and the Volcanic Seven Summits, adds another remarkable feat to the team's credentials. Their combined expertise, along with the team's



West Bengal Sonarpur Arohi Club climbers and J&K youth at Kishtwar.

prior mountaineering experience in challenging Indian peaks, makes them a formidable force.
 The expedition has received overwhelming support from the local community and administration. The mountaineers from the Kishtwar region, who recently underwent training at the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering, have been instrumental in providing infrastructure and administrative assistance to the team.
 Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav and ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar have extended unconditional support on behalf of the local administration to ensure a hassle-free journey for the climbers.
 The wildlife and forest department, the 17 RR in Sounder, and the local police station have also contributed crucial information and infrastructure support.
 The military, upon the request of DC Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav, has assured rescue support if required during the expedition.
 This endeavor has fostered a mean-

ingful interaction between the expedition team and the local community, opening up avenues for future collaboration and the flourishing of adventure tourism in the region. The local team, consisting of Ravinder Singh Thakur, Bhanu Badyal, Rajesh Thakur, and Ayleen Bhutiyal, has been making a remarkable difference by accompanying the climbers and providing essential support. The expedition team includes :
 Rudra Prasad Halder (Leader), Partha Sarathi Layek (Deputy Leader), Satyarup Siddhanta (Team manager), Rudra Prasad Chakraborty (Equipment in charge), Avik Mondal (Quarter Master), Naitik Naskar (Asst equipment incharge), Debasish Majumder (member), Joydeep Halder (member), Uddipan (Team doctor), Tuhin Bhattacharya (member), Asim Dutta (aast quartermaster), Chayam Chatterjee (Base camp manager).
 The Sherpa team includes Phursemba Sherpa, Nurbu Sherpa, Bahadur Rai, Pass Duka Sherpa, Dawa Nurbu Sherpa, Tenzing Sherpa, Cook, Beji Nath Thakur (Kibber Dachhan).
 The base camp, strategically estab-

lished at an altitude of 4170 meters at the foot of Mt Brammah, has been meticulously set up despite heavy rainfall. The team has arranged tents for its members, sherpas, and storage, as well as a fully functional kitchen. The climbers conducted a base camp puja, an integral part of any expedition, where prayers were offered to Brammah Maharaj, and blessings were sought for a safe journey. The team also dedicated some mountaineering equipment for blessings, symbolizing their reverence and commitment to the expedition.
 During their stay in the region, the team will not only aim to make history in Indian mountaineering but also promote the message of "Nasha Mukht Bharat" (Addiction-Free India). They have also organized a medical camp and brought essential school supplies for the GMS Kibbernalla School, further exemplifying their commitment to community engagement.
 The West Bengal Sonarpur Arohi Club's undertaking in the Kishtwar region marks a significant step in reviving adventure tourism, potentially paving the way for future mountaineering expeditions to explore the region's majestic peaks. The team looks forward to the challenge ahead as they set out to conquer Mt Brammah-1 and rewrite the narrative of Indian mountaineering.
 As Kishtwar embraces this new chapter in its tourism industry, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar encouraged adventure seekers and mountaineers to explore the uncharted heights of the region. He assured them of the government's commitment to providing a conducive environment and necessary support for their endeavors.

Katra FC beats Sainik Colony FC in Pegasus Invitation Cup



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In an exhilarating clash at the Pegasus Invitation Cup, Katra FC emerged victorious against Sainik Colony FC with a thrilling scoreline of 2-1.
 The match, held at Parade Football Ground, showcased the immense skill and determination of both teams as they battled for glory on the football field.
 The game commenced with an electrifying start as Sparsh from Katra FC seized an early opportunity, scoring the first goal in the opening minute. Demonstrating a remarkable display of precision and timing, Sparsh set the

pace for an action-packed match ahead.
 Sainik Colony FC, undeterred by the early setback, launched a swift counter-attack, and Ishan showcased his striking prowess by equalizing the score in the eighth minute.
 The goal not only rejuvenated Sainik Colony FC but also intensified the competition between the two formidable teams.
 With the match evenly poised, the players showcased their exceptional skills, captivating the spectators with their remarkable dribbling, passing, and strategic maneuvers.
 In the 42nd minute,

Mukul from Katra FC turned the tides in their favour, scoring the winning goal with a brilliant display of athleticism and technique. This decisive strike sealed the fate of the match, propelling Katra FC to a well-deserved victory and sending their fans into a frenzy of celebration.
 Bhisam Batra said "The Pegasus Invitation Cup looks forward to hosting more captivating matches, bringing together talented athletes from diverse backgrounds to showcase their passion and love for the beautiful game. Matches will be played every Monday and Wednesday".