

38th Jammu District Badminton Championship

Tara Shan wins u-11 girls' singles title

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JAMMU: Tara Shan won the under-11 girls' singles final in the ongoing 38th Jammu District

Badminton Championships-2023, organised by the Jammu City & District Badminton Association, here.

In the final, played on Friday, Tara Shan defeated Akshini Manhas in straight sets of 21-10, 21-16.

In the meantime, Viban Chhib and Utkarsh Singh Bhau have qualified for the under-11 boys' singles final after their defeated Ayan Kohli 2-0 (21-15, 21-11) and Aarav by 2-0 (21-12, 21-14) respectively in the semifinals.

Earlier, the under-13 boys' singles quarterfinals, Harsh Sharma beat Rishit Kumar 21-15, 21-10; Vivan Chhib



A badminton match in progress at Jammu.

beat Utkarsh Singh Bhau 21-09, 21-11; Tanishq Pillai defeated Aaradiya Sharma 21-10, 21-16; and Kanishk Mall beat Kartik Gupta 21-17, 21-16.

In the under-13 girls' singles quarterfinals, Paavni Gupta beat Mishti Sharma

21-03, 21-03; Sargun Kour beat Anaya Batta 21-19, 21-20, 21-14; Gargi defeated Bidhatr 21-09, 21-05; and Eleena Singh beat Shranya 21-05, 21-01.

In the under-15 boys' singles quarterfinals, Gopesh Singh beat Param Raina 21-

11, 21-11; Harsh Sharma beat Kanishk Mall 21-14, 21-10; Kartik defeated Mayank 21-10, 21-02; and Shivansh Panotra beat Surya Dev Singh 21-06, 21-11.

In the under-15 girls' singles semifinals, Suhani Sharma beat Paavni Gupta 21-10, 21-10; and Yashasvni beat Gania Singh 21-13, 14-21, 21-12.

In the under-17 boys' singles quarterfinals, Vaibhav Mehta beat Abhishek Dogra 21-05, 21-06; Gopesh Singh beat Udyan Sharma 21-11, 21-13; Shivansh Panotra beat Thakur Anesh 21-16, 21-11; and Shourya Jasrotia beat Aditya Radotra 21-14, 21-12.

In the under-17 girls' singles, Diamond Rajput beat Gania Singh 21-18, 22-20;

Suhani Sharma beat Yashasvni 21-16, 21-04; Shambhavi Rajput defeated Diamond Rajput 21-09, 21-04; and Suhani beat Antima Naruka 09-21, 21-17, 21-11.

The matches were supervised by Rahul Sharma, Chief Referee with support of Divum Gupta, Badminton Coach, Pawanjit Singh, Neeraj Gupta, Sukhdev Singh.

Among the others were present Dr. O. D Sharma, Chairman, Badminton Association of J&K and Vice President, Badminton Association of India, Balbir Jamwal, General Secretary Badminton Association of J&K and D. V. Sharma, General Secretary, Jammu City & District Badminton Association.

Rather elected President of Kulgam Volleyball Association



VAJK office bearers honouring newly elected president of Volleyball Association of Kulgam.

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KULGAM: Anyat Ullah Rather and Nelfar Habib elected President and General Secretary of the Volleyball Association of Kulgam respectively for the next term of 2023 to 2027.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Volleyball Association of J&K, Kuldeep Magotra was Returning Officer while Ramesh Sharma (Treasurer of VAJK) and Mohd Tariq (Joint

Secretary of VAJK) were Observers, a handout issued here in Friday informed.

Other Office Bearers: Davood Majeed Teli and Shahid Ahmed Zarga (Vice Presidents), Gh Navi Bhat, Tanveer Ahmed and Showket Ahmed (Joint Secretaries), Shariq Ahmed Parray (treasurer). Executive Members: Mir Salman Gulzar, Gulzar Ahmed Sheikh, Syed Ammar, Aashiq Hussain Dar, Showket Ahmed Itoo, Rouif Ahmed Wani, Shameema Bano and Kousar Jan.

On the behalf of VAJK, CEO Kuldp Magotra congratulated the newly elected office bearers of District Kulgam Volleyball Association.

POWERGRID Inter Regional Carrom Tournament-2023 SR-I wins women team, ER-II Men team trophies



A carrom match in progress on Friday.

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CHANDIGARH: In the three-day POWERGRID Inter - Regional Carrom Tournament 2023 being played at Chandigarh, Southern Region-I (SR-I)

clinched Womens' Team championship by defeating Western Region-I (WR-I) in the finals held on Friday. Earlier Southern Region-I (SR-I) defeated Corporate Centre (CC) and

Western Region-I(WR-I) defeated Northern Region-III(NR-III) in the semifinals. Third place was achieved by NR-III by defeating CC.

In the Mens' category, Eastern Region-II(ER-II) clinched the Team championship by defeating North Eastern Region (NER) in the finals.

In the semifinals held earlier ER-II defeated WR-II whereas NER got better of WR-I. WR-2 achieved third spot by defeating WR-1 in the position match.

Matches under Singles and doubles category were being played till filing of this report.

Police presents sports items to Sports Stadium Sheikhpora Budgam



SSP Budgam Al-Tahir Gilani presenting certificate.

STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Police in Budgam under the aegis of Civic Action programme, presented a wide range of items to the Cricket Stadium Sheikhpora Budgam.

The event was graced by the presence of SSP Budgam Al-

Tahir Gilani, who emphasized the importance of sports in building character, discipline, and teamwork among individuals. The SSP Budgam reiterated the commitment of the J&K Police to support and uplift the sports ecosystem in the region. The presentation of

sports items including the boundary rope and Sight-Screen, is a testament to the commitment of the District Police to fostering a healthy and active community. By providing access to modern sports equipment, police aim to create an environment that nurtures sporting talent and enhances physical fitness among the youth.

The representatives of the local stadium management committee expressed their heartfelt appreciation to Police for their generous contribution and unwavering support. They recognized the significance of this gesture in nurturing budding talent and uplifting the sports culture in Budgam.

Pranav excels in U-19 Chess



Chess matches in progress at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Pranav Abrol secured first place in the under-19 group of the ongoing Jammu Division selection competition in the discipline of Chess, organised by the All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA), here on Friday. The second place went to Aarav Gupta while Aryan Raj Bali remained third. Similarly, in under-11 category, the title bagged by Pazhany Kohli. Ritvik Gandotra got second place while third position secured by Aradhivik. Winner of these two categories given away cash prizes worth Rs.16800. The FIDE Arbiter Anil Kotwal was chief Arbiter of the event while Arvind Sharma provided technical support. Among other prominent present were Atul Kumar Gupta (working president) and Baldev Raj (president) of AJKCA.

Heritage School organises Swachhta Pakhwara

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JAMMU: The Middle Wing of Heritage School organised an Essay Writing and a Painting Competition under the aegis of Indian Oil Corporation as part of Swachhta Pakhwara.

Appx. 200 students from class VIII participated in the Essay Writing competition on the topic 'Why LPG is considered to be a Swachh (clean) fuel compared to other fuels'.

From classes VI & VII 150 students took part in Painting Competition on the topic 'What Swachhta means to me'.

The prize winners were felicitated in an impressive award ceremony held in The



Students and faculty members during programme.

Bharat Petroleum Zonal Office on 14th July 2023.

The prize winners of painting competition include Saanvi Sharma (7E), Achint

Kour (7C), Shanaya (6F), Adanya Randhawa (6C) and Sama (6A).

The prize winners of Essay Writing Competition were

Shreyas Magotra (8D), Akshara Gupta (8F), Anhad Jain (8A), Atharv Bhushan (8C) & Dhnanjay Shahi (8E).

Srinagar Carrom meet from July 19

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JAMMU: District Srinagar Carrom Association shall hold two-day District Srinagar Carrom Championship under the aegis of J&K Carrom Association at Sher-e-Kashmir Indoor Complex, Srinagar from July 19.

The event is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council under 'My Youth My Pride' programme of the Government.

The competition shall be held in Sub Junior, Junior and Senior categories in both boys and girls sections, a handout issued here today informed.

Those interested to take part in this event can contact the organising secretary (9906-767-529, 9596-000-200).

Cyclothon for 'Drug-Free Srinagar' flagged off



DC Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad flagging-off a Cycle Race.

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SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Friday morning flagged-off a Cycle Race, Cyclothon under categories of 17/19 years Girls and 14 years Boys under Drug free Srinagar campaign here at Bakshi Stadium to raise mass awareness against drug abuse.

The Cycle Race was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Office Srinagar from as part of IEC activities of the District Administration to spread mass awareness against menace of drugs from Srinagar.

After flagging off the Cycle Race, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, briefly explained the importance of holding such events to create awareness among the students and in general public regarding harmful effects of the drugs on society.

The DC reiterates the

Commitment of District Administration Srinagar to eliminate the menace of drugs and its peddling from Srinagar to save youth.

DC Srinagar also made a mention of "MISSION WAAPSI" campaign of Srinagar District Administration launched to wean away youth from drug abuse and rehabilitate the victims of drug addiction by providing them dignified livelihood through proper hand-holding and guidance under Government schemes.

The cycle Race witnessed participation of more than 300 Students from different Govt/Private Schools of the District who pledged to eradicate drug menace from the society.

The Race culminated at Indoor Sports Ground Polo View where participant students were awarded prizes.

Sara from GHSS Amirakadal secured 1st Position in the 19 years Girls category, while Wafa

from GHSS Rajbagh & Medehia from GHSS Amirakadal secured 2nd & 3rd respectively in the event.

In the 17 years Girls age group Yumana from Iqra Educational Institute remained the winner, Nabeela from Millinson School secured 2nd position and Farah from Tiny Hearts remained at 3rd place.

Similarly, in 14 years Boys Haseeb from Kashmir Harvard School secured 1st position and Atif Fayaz from Iqra Educational Institute got 2nd & Shabir from Legends remained at 3rd place. Consolation prizes were also award to the students and a special prize was awarded to Naira Mumtaz just 10 years old who was also the part of the awareness event.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Ghulam Hassan, ZPEOs, Officials of YSS and Parents of the students were also present on the occasion.

Dhull, Rana shine to hand India 'A' thumping win over UAE 'A' in ACC Emerging Cup

AGENCY

COLOMBO: Skipper Yash Dhull led from the front with a blazing unbeaten century after pacer Harshit Rana's heroics with the ball as India 'A' registered a commanding eight-wicket win over UAE 'A' in their opening match of the ACC Men's Emerging Cup here on Friday.

Right-arm fast bowler Rana (4/41) was right on the money after Dhull won the toss and elected to field. He was ably supported by Andhra pacer Nitish Kumar Reddy (2/32) and slow left-arm orthodox Manav Suthar (2/28) as India 'A' restricted UAE 'A' to a paltry 175 for 9 in their 50 overs.

The target was never going to pose any threat to the Indians and they completed

SCOREBOARD	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES A	
Aryansh Sharma † c Parag b Suthar	38
Jonathan Figg c Nitish Kumar Reddy b Harshit Rana	00
Ansh Tandon c †Jurel b Harshit Rana	05
Lovepreet Singh lbw b Abhishek Sharma	02
Ashwanth Valthapa c Dhull b Nitish Kumar Reddy	46
Ali Naseer (c) lbw b Suthar	10
Mohammed Faraazuddin c & b Harshit Rana	35
Sanhit Sharma b Harshit Rana	02
Jash Giyanani c & b Nitish Kumar Reddy	13
Adhitya Shetty not out	02
Muhammad Jawadullah not out	09
Extras	13
Total	175/9
INDIA A	
Sai Sudharsan b Muhammad Jawadullah	08
Abhishek Sharma b Ali Naseer	19
Nikin Jose not out	41
Yash Dhull (c) not out	108
Extras	03
Total	179/2

the formalities in 26.3 overs, reaching 179 for the loss of two wickets.

Sent into bat in the Group B match, UAE 'A' never got going and found it difficult to accumulate runs against the Indians' incisive bowling. Ashwanth Valthapa (46), opener Aryansh Sharma (38) and Mohammed Faraazuddin (35) were the only three significant contributors for the Arab side.

Chasing 176 to win, India 'A' lost both their openers -- Sai Sudharsan (8) and Abhishek Sharma (19) inside the sixth over with the scoreboard reading 41 but Dhull (108 not out) and Nikin Jose (41 not out) ensured an easy win, stitching unbeaten 138 runs for the third wicket.

Dhull's attacking knock

was full of flair and timing as he scored his runs off just 84 balls, finding the boundary fence as many as 20 times and clearing it once.

Jose, on the other hand, played the second fiddle and decorated his 53-ball innings with just five boundaries.

Pace combination of Ali Naseer (1/14) and Muhammad Jawadullah (1/47) were the wicket takers for UAE 'A'.

India 'A' will next play Nepal here on July 17 before taking on arch-rivals Pakistan 'A' on July 19 in the final group game.

The top two teams from each group will qualify for the semifinals to be played on July 21. The final is scheduled to be held on July 23.

India's tour of South Africa to begin on December 10 with T20s, Tests at Centurion and Cape Town

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NEW DELHI: India's next tour of South Africa will begin on December 10 with a three-match T20 series, which will be followed by three ODIs and two Tests, the BCCI and CSA announced on Friday.

While the opening match will held at Durban, the second and third T20 Internationals will take place on December 12 and 14 in Gqeberha and Johannesburg respectively.

Johannesburg will also play host to the opening ODI of the three-match series on December 17, followed by

matches on December 19 and 21 in Gqeberha and Paarl respectively.

The Test matches, called the Freedom Series for Gandhi-Mandela Trophy, will be played in Centurion and Cape Town from December 26-30 and January 3-7 respectively.

"The Freedom Series is significant not just because it features two excellent Test teams, but also because it honours Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, two great leaders who shaped our respective nations, and the world around them," BCCI secretary Jay

Shah said in a statement issued by both the boards.

He added, "The Boxing Day Test and the New Year Test are amongst the most important fixtures on the international cricket calendar and the schedule has been planned particularly around these marquee dates."

The last time India played a Test series in South Africa, in 2021-22, they lost 1-2 following which former captain Virat Kohli unexpectedly stepped down from the post, paving the way for Rohit Sharma to take over the reins.

DC Jammu reviews Independence Day arrangements

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavasa on Friday reviewed the arrangements for Independence Day 2023 celebration, here at a meeting held in the DC Office complex.

SSP, Chandan Kohli; ADC L&O, Harvinder Singh; ADC, ADM Sandeep Secointra; CPO, Yoginder Katoch; CMO, Dr Harbaksh Singh along with senior officers from Police, Security, Jal Shakti, PDD, Information, Health, YSS and other concerned departments were present on the occasion.

Threadbare discussion was



DC Jammu Avny Lavasa chairing a meeting in Jammu on Friday.

held with regard to the security arrangements, traffic regulation, seating arrangements, Full Dress Rehearsal, decoration, Shehnai Vadan, PAS, Power and water supply, transport arrangements, sanitation, Medicare facilities, invitation cards, Barriecading at venue of the function and

other vital issues. The DC inquired from Officers of Security and Police about the arrangements being put in place by their respective departments. She directed them to make fool-proof security arrangements in advance for the National event. The DC instructed the Jammu

Municipal Corporation and PHIE to ensure drinking water at the venue on the I-Day celebrations. The PDD and Jal Shakti department were directed to ensure proper management of power and water including water tankers at the venue.

The CMO was asked to

ensure proper medical facilities along with staff and ambulances at the venue.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Officers to ensure all related arrangements in advance and work in close coordination for the smooth conduct of Independence Day celebrations.