Commissioner State Taxes launches Neeraj Chopra wins second straight week long GST celebration

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JAMMU: The State Taxes Department commemorated the successful completion of six years since the implementation of the Goods & Services Tax (GST) by inaugurating GST Week celebrations on Saturday at the Convention Centre.

Commissioner State Taxes Department, Dr. Rashmi Singh, graced the occasion as the chief guest while other dignitaries including Additional Commissioner Tax Planning, Ankita Kar; Additional Commissioner State Taxes Jammu, Namrita Dogra; Joint Commissioner CGST J&K. Amit Sharma and various officers from the respective departments.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rashmi Singh emphasised the significance of capacity building within the department with special focus on Startups. She mentioned that they have been working on enhancing their own capacity through knowledge sharing and collaboration with external agencies such as GSTN and ICAL Dr. Rashmi Singh also underscored the impor-



Commissioner State Taxes Department, Dr. Rashmi Singh speaking at a programme.

tance of utilizing advanced technology and data analysis to improve their effectiveness and efficiency.

Commissioner State Taxes spoke about the importance of fostering trust within the department and with external stakeholders. She mentioned that they have been working on ameliorating communication and dismantling information asymmetry within the department.

Dr. Rashmi Singh discussed the importance of revenue collection for the development of the state. She mentioned that every tax realised contributes to the state's revenue and development. She accentuated the importance of compliance and mentioned that they have been working on educating taxpavers through various representative bodies. She also mentioned that they have been working on detecting noncompliance and fraud through data analysis and other methods.

Additional Commissioner Tax Planning, Ankita Kar imparted a detailed lecture, speaking extensively about the role, responsibilities and activities of the Tax Planning wing of the department

Additional Commissioner Taxes Jammu. State Namrita Dogra delivered the welcome address and disclosed that SGST revenue realisation for 2022-23 amounted to Rs 7300

crores and is projected to reach Rs 10000 crores for the current financial year. She apprised the audience about the department's endeavors towards augmenting revenue.

Namrita Dogra elucidated that they routinely perform data analysis to identify instances of tax evasion and non-compliance. She further expounded that they undertake trend analysis with an emphasis on handholding and addressing genuine concerns related to GST and its provisions, as well as assisting in return filing to maintain proper and timely flow of input tax

Namrita Dogra said that the department strives to

ensure healthy competition in the sector by identifying and penalizing entities engaged in malpractices so that honest taxpayers and legitimate businesses do not

A technical session on various aspects of GST was organized in which academicians from IMPARD Jammu, Dr Reva Sharma, Faculty from IIT Jammu Prof Manoj Aggarwal , NACIN Deputy Director NACIBN Varun Soni, and Assistant Director NACIN B S Khara spoke about new amendments and notifications in GST ACT 2017.

During the session, an interactive session was held with various Stakeholders of Jammu division where Senior Vice President CCI Anil Gupta, president Federation of Industries, Lalit Mahajan, President PHDCCI, Rahul Sahai, representative from PHDCCI Shivang Mahajan, representative from CII, Neeraj Anand president Of Traders Federation Jammu appreciated the working of GST department and requested to hold such sessions in future as well.

Diamond League title in Lausanne

AGENCY

LAUSANNE: champion Neeraj Chopra clinched the prestigious Diamond League title for the second consecutive time by throwing his spear to 87.66m on Friday but the coveted 90m mark eluded the star Indian javelin thrower yet

Coming back from a onemonth injury lay-off, Chopra's title-winning performance at the Lausanne leg in challenging conditions was below his own top-10 efforts but he still stamped his authority in the prestigious One-day meet.

The 25-year-old Chopra, who had skipped three top events due to a muscle strain he sustained last month, had won the season-opening Diamond League in Doha on May 5 with his fourth careerbest throw of 88.67m. Chopra, who usually pro-

duces his best in early rounds, had to wait till his fifth attempt to lead the field. He was at the second spot till the end of the fourth round. "I was feeling a bit nervous

coming back from an injury. It was a bit cold here tonight. I am still far from my best, but I feel it is getting better. Chopra said after his win.

Chairperson NCW visits Karnah; interacts with women

It was a cloudy day with the temperature during the men's javelin throw event recording 17 degree celsius and humidity at 78 percent.

"I am relieved it is coming together well for me. A win is a win and I will take that hap-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among the first to congratulate the champion athlete on his latest achieve-

"Congratulations @Neeraj_chopra1 for shining at the Lausanne Diamond League. Thanks to his extraordinary performances, he has finished at the top of the table. His talent, dedication and relentless pursuit of excellence is commendable, PM Modi tweeted.

Chopra began with a foul and then had 83.52m and 85.04m throws. He had another foul in the fourth round before coming up with his title-winning throw of 87.66m next. His sixth and last throw was 84.15m.

Germany's Julian Weber was second with a best throw of 87.03m, while Tokyo Olympics silver medallist and season-leader Jakub Vadlejch (SB: 89.51m) of the Czech Republic was third with an 86.13m effort.

Anderson Peters of Grenada, who has been struggling for form, was fifth with a best throw of 82.23m. Chopra had won the

Reigning world champion

Lausanne leg in August last year also for his maiden Diamond League title.

A month later, he became the first Indian Diamond League champion after winning the 2022 grand finale in

Judo team leaves for Karnataka



Selected judo players posing for a photograph with officials

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JAMMU: Judo team of Jammu and Kashmir today left for participation in the National Judo Championship to be held in Karnataka from July 5 to 10,

19-member team, screened by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) officials before departure, included eight girls, two coaches and

Earlier, the JKSC officials, Ashok Singh and Suraj Bhan Singh interacted with the players and officials in the presence of Vikas Gupta (senior vice president) and Suraj Sharma (general secretary) of Judo Association of J&K.

The Team: Summit Lal, Adnan Fayaz Bhat, Atul

Sharma, Arihaant Mahajan, Vipul Yashovardhan, M Hadi, Mohsin Hamid Malla, Abdul Hannan Shagoo, Fiza Akhter, Manvi Devi, Adn Anrshad, Nandini Chib, Zainab Binti

Ajaz,

Thakur. Officials: Arshi Nad, Jugal Kishore (both coaches) and Manish Chatwal (manager).

Anshika Sharma and Tanvi

Hidaya Shahid,

STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: Chairperson, National Commission for Women (NCW) GoI, Rekha Sharma on saturday visited Karnah sub division of frontier district Kupwara to have an interaction with women and to review the empowerment of women and women-friendly schemes.

The Chairperson paid a visit to Teetwal village where she met several delegations and heard them.

Chairperson Seemari, the last village of India (which is located close to Zero line) and interacted with locals of Seemari and sought their feedback regarding implementation of women oriented welfare and development schemes.

Later, the Chairperson NCW convened a meeting at the Meeting Hall of Mini-Secretariat Tangdhar where she took a review of various schemes related to the

Chairperson, National Commission for Women, GoI, Rekha Sharma chairing a meeting. empowerment of women. Addressing the meeting, the Chairperson asked women to come forward to take benefit of women-

Government of India. She emphasized that women have to lead from the front in every sphere of life. She said that the various

friendly schemes of the

roles performed by the women in every sphere of the human society ranging from taking care of their households, upbringing their families to confronting and safeguarding the borders of the

aware about their fundamental rights & the Government Policies that are beneficial for them.

mendable.

The Chairperson emphasized on PRIs and functionaries of different departments to give awareness about empowerment of women, girl child education, legal support to women, and health care facilities for

The Chairperson NCW complimented the District

country, heading the top Administration Kupwara for most positions in the differshowing good progress in ent Ministries of the the empowerment of women. Government of India, etc., She assured that all possiwere appreciable and comble support from the National Commission for

She also stressed on the Women will be provided to need for empowering the District Administration women and making them Kupwara. The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Ayushi Sudan thanked the Chairperson for

visiting Karnah and evaluating the benefits being provided for the betterment of women. The review meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Ayushi Sudan; Karnah, Gulzar Ahmad Teetwal, Rather: BDC Naushada; CAO Kupwara

Tangdhar, Avad Qadri: Women PRIs (Women Sarpanches. women Panchs), female police personnel, members of Self help groups of NRLM, AWWs, and ASHAs and other concerned. Speaking on the sidelines,

Kupwara,

Sikander;

Muddaser

Tehsildar

the Chairperson NCW said, "I conveyed to women to take special care of their health and take benefits of different women related schemes".

She added that the demand for establishment of Women police Women Degree College, and women Skill centre in Karnah will be taken up

'No Fire In Babylon': ODI World Cup to be held without West Indies for first time

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will not be part of the ODI World Cup for the first time in the history of the tournament after being eliminated from the Qualifiers - a result that plunged country's cricket to an unimaginable low, on Saturday.

Coming into the do-or-die Super Six contest, West Indies, packed with some bona-fide T20 superstars, suffered an embarrassing seven-wicket defeat against Scotland after managing a modest 181 in 43.5 overs.

It was an impressive show by the Scots, especially by allrouder Brandon McMullen, who first took three wickets, and then scored a patient 69 off 106 balls to steer his side to a famous victory.

Such was the West Indies' plight that the top score was a painstaking 45 off 79 balls by Jason Holder.

Scotland chased own the tar-

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES	
Brandon King c & b McMullen	22
Johnson Charles c McBride b McMullen	00
Shamarh Brooks c Watt b McMullen	00
Shai Hope (c)† c†Cross b Sharif	13
Kyle Mayers b Sole	05
Nicholas Pooran c McBride b Watt	21
Jason Holder lbw b Greaves	45
Romario Shepherd c Sharif b Watt	36
Kevin Sinclair b Sole	10
Akeal Hosein not out	06
Alzarri Joseph c Munsey b Greaves	06
Extras	17
Total	181/10
SCOTLAND	
Christopher McBride c Sinclair b Holder	00
Matthew Cross † not out	74
Brandon McMullen c Joseph b Shepherd	69
George Munsey c Charles b Hosein	18
Richie Berrington (c) not out	13
Extras	11
Total	185/3

get in just 43.3 overs, ensuring that West Indies won't compete in the ODI World Cup for the

This was also Scotland's first victory over the West Indies.

Clive Lloyd's team had won the first two editions in 1975 and 1979 and played the 1983final, where it was beaten by India. Matthew Cross (74 not out off 107 balls) anchored the chase perfectly and it always seemed one team would win and that certainly wasn't the West Indies. With two more matches left, even if West Indies win, they can reach up to four points while Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe already have six points in their three games. Scotland with this win are on four points and would reckon that an upset can help them sneak into the tournamentproper. It appears to be the final nail in the coffin for a cricket team that has been on a terminal decline for the past two decades. While they won two T20 World Cup titles in 2012 and 2016, the perform-

India on October 5 across 10 ance in two traditional formats ralled southwards

Ironically, West Indies were forced to play the qualifier before the 2019 World Cup also but eventually managed to finish in top two along with Afghanistan to save themselves from embarrassment.

But a team that had Nicholas Pooran, a Rs 16 crore IPL recruit, Jason Holder, Kyle Mayers, Alzarri Joseph, Romario Shepherd, Akeal Hossein, all who were part of this edition's IPL, in its ranks, this is certainly the lowest ebb.

Perhaps the performance is symptomatic of times which is very different from the 1970s when some of the wold class cricketers from Jamaica, Barbados, Guyana, Antigua, Trinidad & Tobago came together and were the flagbearers of 'Black Caribbean Community' which had been under oppression for the

Prithvi Shaw likely to play for Northamptonshire after Duleep Trophy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Talented

Mumbai opener Prithvi Shaw will be plying his trade for English county side Northamptonshire after finishing his Duleep Trophy engagements later this

The 23-year-old is currently out of India contention and it is understood that people close to him have advised him to have a stint in the UK in order to tighten up his technique and also get back into the groove by playing matches continuously over a period of time.

"Yes, Prithvi will be leaving once he finishes his Duleep Trophy assignment for West Zone. He is likely to play the July 19-22 game against

Somerset if all goes well," a source close to the cricketer told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Gurdeep Singh; District

It is expected that the dashing opener will play the entire Royal London Cup one day tournament for the Northants.

Shaw, who had scored a mammoth 379 in a Ranji game against Assam, didn't have a great IPL for Delhi Capitals but the kind of talent he is, one expects that county stint will help get his mojo back and be in nation-

al contention post ODI World Cup when another round of transition would take place across the formats. If Prithvi leaves for the UK after the Duleep final (July 12-16), he might miss the Deodhar Trophy inter-zonal one-day meet starting July 24. But it is expected that the BCCI brass will alow him to play in the UK where he is expected to face better quality bowling attack in Division 1 compared to what he would get in India.

Avinash Sable to compete in Stockholm Diamond League 3000m steeplechase Sunday

AGENCY

STOCKHOLM: India's top 3000m steeplechase runner Avinash Sable will compete in his second Diamond League of the season at the Stockholm leg on Sunday, where he would look to better his own performance from last event.

The 28-year-old Sable had finished 10th, clocking a below-par 8:17.18 seconds, at the Diamond League meeting in Rabat, Morocco on May 28 in his only 3000m steeplechase race of the year so far. He would be aiming to improve his timing here.

The 2022 Commonwealth Games silver medallist Sable, who has been training abroad to prepare for the August 19 to 27 World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, has clocked a personal best time of 8:11.20, which is also the national record.

Olympic and world champion Soufiane El Bakkali of

Morocco will be targeting more Diamond League success following his win on home turf in Rabat with the season's second best time of 7:56.68. Other medal contenders

could be 2019 Diamond League champion Getnet Wale of Ethiopia, the third best this season with a time of 8:05.15, and 2022 Commonwealth Games champion Abraham Kibiwot of Kenya (SB: 8:05.51), who had finished third in Rabat Diamond League.

Sable was given exemption from taking part in the National Championships Bhubaneswar last month to prepare for the World Championships.

He was also not named in the Indian team for the Asian Championships (July 12-16) in Thailand. He will train in Switzerland in August before the World Championships.

Manu, Divyansh, Aishwary among shooters picked for Worlds, Asian Games Indian rifle and pistol squad

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NEW DELHI: Olympians Manu Bhaker, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar were among the shooters named in the Indian squads for the upcoming ISSF World Championships and Asian

The 2018 Asian Games gold medallist and former Youth Olympic champion Saurabh Chaudhary missed out of the teams for the two big tournaments, which were announced here on Saturday.

National Association of India (NRAI), the governing body of the sport in the country, announced the for the upcoming World Championships in August in Baku, Azerbaijan and the Hangzhou Asian Games in China in September.

The shotgun squad had been announced earlier.

A 22-member rifle and pistol squad will travel to Baku to vie for as many as 32 Paris Olympic quota places up for grabs there while a 21-member team will make the trip to

Reigning men's 10m air rifle world champion Rudrankksh Patil has been included in the Asian Games squad on the basis of the selection criteria for Paris quota winners.

Ashi Chouksey replaced Tilottama Sen in the women's air rifle squad in Hangzhou. She will be shooting both the women's rifle events, given none of the top three women's air rifle shooters shot the three positions (3P) event and the Asian Games allows for only five entries each in men's and women's rifle events.

first time since the inception of

The World Cup is set begin in

the tournament in 1975.

Ashi got the nod as the highest ranked air rifle shooter in the women's 3P squad.

The rest of the selection followed the rankings post the national selection trials 5 and 6 for Group A rifle and pistol shooters which concluded at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range here on Friday.

Kuwait beat Bangladesh 1-0, to face India in SAFF Championship final

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BENGALURU: Kuwait had to stretch their last sinew before eking out a nervy 1-0 win over Bangladesh to enter the SAFF Championship final here on Saturday.

Abdullah Al Bloushi scored the winner for Kuwait in the dying minutes of the first half of extra time. They will face either India or Lebanon in the summit clash on July 4.

Before the goal, the match saw both the sides frittering away chances with abandon.

It started in the second minute of the first half itself when Bangladesh's Shekh Morsalin only had Kuwait goalkeeper Anisur Rahman to beat but shot the ball straight into the latter's

Kuwait were not far behind either. Mobarak Al Faneeni made a header into an open goal but there was no real power in it as a Bangladesh defender cleared the ball near the

As the match progressed, the tussle for superiority intensified without a clear winner emerging.

Even amid that clash of equals, Bangladesh's veteran striker Rakib Hossain shone brightly with his quick invasions of the rival box.

Rakib was very close to putting Bangladesh ahead as well. He had made blazing shots twice in the beginning of the second half and in the 61st minute. But Kuwait custodian Abdul Rahman and the crossbar denied him on both the occasions.

Just as the match seemed to be heading towards a shootout, Ahmad Al Dhefeery freed Al Bloushi with a clever pass.

Al Bloushi did not fail to find the net this time, breaking Bangladesh hearts.

Bangladesh tried gamely in the second half that saw some heated moments involving players and match officials. But Kuwait managed to hang on.