

U-17 three T-20 Matches series

# Singh Club Akhnoor beats Royal Challenger in first tie

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AKHNOOR: In the U-17 three T-20 Matches series held at Government Higher Secondary School Akhnoor, Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor faced off against Royal Challenger Akhnoor in the first match.

The series is being organized by Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor under the leadership of Kr. Sham Singh Langah, President of Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor, ensuring the successful conduct of the tournament.

Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor won the toss and elected to bat first. They posted a solid total of 165



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials and dignitaries.

runs for the loss of three wickets in their allotted 20 overs. Akash Singh was the top scorer with 61 runs off 70 balls, supported by Rishu Kumar (28 runs off 20 balls)

and Surya Dev Singh (29 runs off 22 balls).

The bowling effort from Royal Challenger Akhnoor saw Varivansh, Arush, and Nikhil taking one wicket

each.

In response, Royal Challenger Akhnoor struggled against the bowling attack of Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor and were bowled

out for 78 runs in 15.2 overs. Mihul Gupta top-scored with 17 runs off 25 balls, while Nikhil and Gopi contributed 11 runs each. Surya Dev Singh and Shiva were the chief destroyers with the ball, sharing three wickets each. Hitin Singh claimed two wickets, while Akash and Raghav Verma took one wicket each.

For his excellent all-round performance, Surya Dev Singh was awarded the Man of the Match. The result saw Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor U-17 convincingly defeat Royal Challenger Akhnoor U-17 by 87 runs, taking a 1-0 lead in the series.

# AFS Jammu Innovators excel at Pune grand finale with Water-Saving Tech



AFS Jammu Innovators posing with faculty members.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Air Force School (AFS) students from Jammu, popularly known as AFS Innovators, have garnered significant acclaim for their innovative project, "Bhu Jal Nirdharak."

This technology, designed to address water scarcity issues, was highly praised during the grand finale of the 'Made in 3D - Seed the Future Entrepreneurs 2023-24' competition.

The event was organised by the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in collaboration with La Fondation Dassault Systèmes India, and held in Pune.

AFS Jammu was the sole representative from Jammu and Kashmir to qualify for the grand finale of this prestigious competition.

Distinguished guests, including Dr. Chintan

Vaishnav, Mission Director of the Atal Innovation Mission, Deepak NG, Managing Director of Dassault Systèmes India, and Sudarshan Mogasale, CEO of Dassault Systèmes Solutions Lab, lauded the young innovators from Jammu.

During their presentation, the AFS team, comprising Savri Gupta, Arjunveer Singh, Abhinav Sharma, Hitesh Verma, and Ayush, demonstrated how their invention could assist farmers. Using sensors, the Bhu Jal Nirdharak can perform soil analysis and detect groundwater levels in advance.

Notably, Arjunveer Singh, Class IX student of AFS School, had the unique opportunity to engage in a question-and-answer session with Dr. Chintan Vaishnav

and the CEO of Dassault Systèmes. This interaction provided valuable industry insights and encouraged the students to continue their pursuit of innovation and excellence.

In recognition of their outstanding efforts, the students, accompanied by their guide teachers Sarojni Pandita and Shamu Rani, were awarded Virtual Reality (VR) headsets. The teachers were also honored for their guidance and support.

The Bhu Jal Nirdharak project by AFS Jammu received widespread appreciation from the panel of judges and attendees alike.

The AFS students were also privileged to visit the Dassault Systèmes 3D Lab, providing them with an excellent learning experience.

# Stadium XI wins Shaheed Hav Abdul Majeed Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament trophy

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: The Shaheed Hav Abdul Majeed Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament concluded successfully at the Sports Stadium in Poonch.

The final match was contested between Panjal Warriors and Stadium XI. Panjal Warriors won the toss and elected to bat first, setting a target of 103 runs in 10 overs. They managed to score 102 runs.

In response, Stadium XI achieved the target in the 9th over, largely thanks to



DC Poonch, Yasin Mohd Choudhary presenting trophy to a winner team on Tuesday.

Mehboob who scored a remarkable 51 runs off just

18 balls. His outstanding performance throughout the tournament earned him the title of Man of the Series, as well as the Man of the Match in the final.

The event was graced by District Development Commissioner Poonch, Yasin Mohd Choudhary, who served as the Chief Guest and distributed prizes to both the runner-up and winning teams.

The father of Shaheed Abdul Majeed was a special guest at the event, adding

solemnity to the occasion.

The tournament was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) under the guidance of the District Administration.

All Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs) were present, along with the field staff who dedicatedly managed the tournament under the supervision of Technical Incharge, Pawan Kumar PEL. Vijay Kumar PEM facilitated the event.

# MOSA excels in 3rd Shooting C'ship 2024



MOSA shooters posing for a photograph with officials.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Mission Olympics Shooting Academy (MOSA) is delighted to announce the exceptional performances of its shooters at the 3rd Abhinandan Shooting Championship held at the Abhinandan Shooting Sports Academy in Rohtak, Haryana, on July 1st.

Aneesha Sharma emerged as the Champion of Champions in the ISSF Women category, a prestigious title that earned her a cash award of Rs 31,000.

The award was presented by Dr. Arun Nehra, DIG

Haryana Police, highlighting Aneesha's prowess in competitive shooting.

In the ISSF Men category, Vishal Sharma showcased his talent by securing the bronze medal, accompanied by a cash award of Rs 11,000. His achievement underscores MOSA's commitment to nurturing top-tier talent in the sport. Additionally, Pintu Hans demonstrated commendable performance by achieving the 5th rank in the NR Pistol category, further reflecting the academy's depth of skilled shooters.

These remarkable achievements were made possible through the dedicated coaching and mentorship provided by MOSA's coaches, Vishal Mehra and Aman Singh.

Their guidance has been pivotal in honing the skills and capabilities of these athletes, ensuring they perform at their best in competitive environments.

The academy looks forward to continuing to nurture and support its shooters as they strive for further success on national and international stages.

# CS reviews functioning of skilling institutions of JK

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday convened a meeting with Skill Development Department (SDD) to review functioning of skill imparting institutions like Polytechnic colleges and Industrial Training institutions (ITIs) of the UT.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, SDD, Director, SDD, Special Secretary, SDD, Secretary, Board of Technical Education and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary took stock of the courses being offered by these technical institutions of the UT besides students response towards these subjects. He also enquired about the percentage of skillful candidates getting placement after leaving such institutions and those finding gainful employment after adopting self employment of their choice.

Dulloo reviewed the progress made in imparting training to different artisans under PM Vishwakarma scheme. He also



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting.

took appraisal of present status in implementation of CSS like STRIVE, SANKALP and PMKVY.

He also assessed the action taken regarding implementation of several directives given by him from time to time in identification of futuristic skill trades, short term trainings and other skill mapping initiatives after taking cognizance of actual market requirements.

Secretary, SDD, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, made the presentation depicting progress recorded in each area of work and the novel initiatives taken by the department for making skill education more popular and market-driven. He threw

light on popular courses and trades being offered in the ITIs of the UT. He also highlighted the manpower and infrastructure available in such institutions to train these candidates.

Regarding implementation of short term training (STT) programmes in the UT under PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), it was revealed that 94 institutions had been identified for the purpose. It was informed that these institutions are contemplated to impart training in 4 batches to an average of 30 candidates for nearly 4 months taking the number to more than 20000 candidates in a year in offline

and online mode to some 31000 candidates.

The meeting was also appraised of 60 futuristic trades identified by the Department in Automotive, Agriculture, Electronics, Telecom, IT-ITES, Green Jobs, Logistics sectors besides others. It also deliberated upon the regular trades and those identified in Tourism & Hospitality sectors and in Food Processing, Media/Entertainment, Handicrafts besides Handloom sectors in different districts of J&K.

Based upon the analysis of feedback from Industrial sector here, it was disclosed that

the Diploma programmes like Mechanical/ Electrical/ Electronics/ Computers-IT/ Automobile are in high demand. For ITIs the trades like Turner/ Fitter/ Welder/ Electrician/ Refrigeration and AC/ Computer Hardware & Networking/ COPA/ Data Entry were ascertained to be of greater utility in the market. The other skill sets favoured by the industry included Auto CAD, Supply chain, Retail and Logistics, CNC Operator, Food Manufacturing/ Processing, Packaging, Cold Storage Technician/ Plant Machinery Operator/ Hygiene Coordinator, Sales Assistant, Consignment Booking Assistant, Courier Delivery Executive, Inventory Clerk, Supply Chain Executive, Supply Chain Executive, Warehouse Manager, Land Transportation Executive, Construction Painter & Decorator, Construction Electrician, False Ceiling & Dry Wall Installer, Fabricator, Surveyor etc, as was appraised in this meeting.

# HC issues general directions to AG office in bail applications

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, while dealing with a bail application, on Tuesday directed to the Advocate General (AG) office that whenever a bail application is filed before this court and the copy of the same is received by the Advocate General office, the appropriate case diary, relevant in the case, shall be called for forthwith from the Police Station concerned.

Bail applications ideally should be decided on the first date of hearing by this Court. The same is possible only if the case diary is made available for the scrutiny by the Court on the very first date of hearing. In a bail application, there is no necessity to give an opportunity to the State to file written objections, as such, is not the mandate under the law.

The same may be required only in those cases where a special statute requires it specifically. Bail applications must be decided on the basis of the material in the case diary. If this be the procedure that is followed, there should be no delay in deciding bail applications by the High Court.

These directions have been passed by Justice Atul Sreedharan while dealing with bail application filed by the Gorav Sayal.

Justice Atul Sreedharan after hearing Adv Siddanth Gupta for the applicant whereas GA Bhanu Jasrotia for the UT, observed that this is an application for bail, which has been pending before this Court since December 12, 2022.

The allegation against the applicant is under section 376 of the IPC. The incident is of March 20, 2022, where the allegation is that the applicant allegedly entered the house of the prosecutrix and forcibly committed rape with her and ran away from the place when the prosecutrix raised an alarm. The FIR is registered for the offence after a delay of six months on September 13, 2022. The applicant has been taken into custody on October 29, 2022.

When this Court enquired about the delay in the registration of the FIR, learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that, in the FIR it is alleged that there were parleys for a compromise between the prosecutrix and the applicant in which even the Sarpanch of the village was also involved. He, however, further submits that the meeting with the Sarpanch took place after the incident in the month of May, 2022.

The statement of the sarpanch recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C. reflects that the father of

the applicant had approached him and had prayed for some time in order to solemnize marriage between the applicant and the prosecutrix. The prosecutrix is also stated to have been willing to enter into matrimony with the applicant.

The MLC of the prosecutrix has been placed before this Court, which does not reflect any external injuries anywhere on the body of the prosecutrix and specifically mentions that there are no injuries on the private parts of the prosecutrix. However the doctor opined that the sexual assault cannot be ruled out. The basis for such an opinion, however, has not been reflected in the MLC.

Counsel for the Union Territory, on the other hand, has submitted that the prosecutrix is consistently being harassed and is being forced to withdraw her statement.

The prosecutrix has also engaged a learned counsel to oppose the bail application before this Court, who has appeared and informed the Court that he has no instructions from his client.

As regards the number of opportunities that have been given to the prosecutrix, this Court is of the opinion that seven occasions this case has been listed before this court which was ample opportunity for the pros-

ecutrix to appear and contest the case herself if she felt it so necessary.

Court after hearing the contesting parties, and having examined the period of incarceration undergone by the applicant which is more than one and half years and the fact that the FIR was delayed by six months and the charge-sheet has been filed and the MLC is inconclusive, this Court is of the opinion that the applicant can be enlarged on bail.

This application is allowed subject to the applicant's furnishing a personal bond of Rs 50,000 and one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the Registrar Judicial of this Court.

The applicant shall not make any attempt to overawe or influence the prosecutrix or any of the witnesses of this case in any manner.

In the event, the applicant acts to the contrary, the Union Territory or the prosecutrix shall have the liberty of filing an appropriate application for cancellation of this order granting bail.

In addition thereto, the applicant shall register his presence before the SHO Police Station, Nowshera, District Rajouri, once every 10 days commencing from his first appearance before the SHO on July 9, 2024.

# SKUAST-Jammu holds Zonal Research & Extension Advisory Committee Kharif meeting

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Zonal Research and Extension Advisory Committee (ZREAC) meeting for kharif 2024 with respect to agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, floriculture, Command Area Development, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry and fisheries was organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu under the Chairmanship of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor.

In his opening remarks Prof B.N. Tripathi briefed that the technology development by SKUAST Jammu should reach the end users through department.

Recommendation and suggestions should be fruitful in solving the problems faced by the farmers of Jammu region.

He stressed upon the proper feedback from the line department is important for identification of researchable issues.



VC SKUAST-J Prof. B.N. Tripathi chairing a meeting.

He further said that University is catering to the needs of 10 districts of Jammu region and must provide answers and solutions to each and every problem of the farmers of the region.

Dr. S. K. Gupta Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu presented the overview of the research activities of the university.

At the outset, Dr. Amrith Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu welcomed Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Statutory officers of the university, Directors of line department, Head of the

Divisions of all the faculties, Head of KVKs, scientists, officers of line departments of Jammu region.

He further added that today's recommendation will provide sustainable solutions for the problem faced by farmers during this Kharif Season.

Arvinder Singh Reen, Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu emphasized upon the new intervention in silage making for better productivity.

He also raised the issue of monkey menace in the agri-

culture.

He also stressed upon management of the fall army worm. Chaman Lal Sharma, Director Horticulture, Jammu emphasized upon the standardization of the packaging material for strawberry for increasing shelf life.

He also focused upon promoting summer apple crop. Further he emphasize upon promoting low cost technology for aloevera. Assistant Director Sericulture emphasized upon the new drought resistant mulberry varieties and new silkworm races.

Floriculture Officer asked for commercial cultivation of new and improved varieties of marigold and development of mobile application for farmers.

All the statutory officers of the university, Associate Director Extension and Representatives of all the line departments were also present during the meeting.

# DC Jammu initiates urgent flood protection measures in Khour Sub Div

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In anticipation of the monsoon season and to address public concerns, Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Tuesday conducted a field visit to Indri and Bakore villages to assess the current ground situation. He was accompanied by SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar and

ADDG Sher Singh.

The villages are facing significant risk of soil erosion and potential water ingress. To address these issues promptly, the DC ordered immediate execution of works worth Rs 10 lakh by the Flood Control Department.

In addition, further preventive measures will be

implemented under MGN-REGA by the Rural Development Department, focusing on creating protective bunds and crate work.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Satish Sharma has also taken the initiative to assemble emergency relief and evacuation teams. Four emergency

shelters have been established to facilitate a prompt response in the event of any unforeseen circumstances. Commencing today, the groundwork for implementing flood protection measures has been initiated in accordance with the directions issued by the Deputy Commissioner.