

# Dist Court Mominabad, Exen eleven JKSC enter finals of Cricket Tournament

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SRINAGAR: In a thrilling semifinal match, Exen eleven JKSC defeated the Jal Shakti by a narrow margin of 14 runs and entered into the finals of J&K Sports Council's departmental cricket tournament.

The match was held at the Cricket Academy ground TRC Srinagar on Saturday, and the winner will now face District Court Mominabad in the title clash on Saturday next week.

After winning the toss Exen eleven JKSC elected to bat first, and posted a solid total of 206 runs in the allotted 20 overs, losing four wickets in the process.

Khalid and Rameez played excellent innings, with Khalid scoring a magnificent half-century, smashing 78 runs off just 35 balls. Rameez also scored a half century in 31 deliveries, while Shanawaz



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials.

smashed a quick fire 40 of just 10 balls. For Jal Shakti Shahid, Tawseef and Sajad claimed one wicket each.

In response, Jal Shakti put up a tough fight but fell just short of their target, managing to score only 192 runs, losing 9 wickets in the process. Sajad Ganaie was the top scorer with 66 off 29 balls, hitting three fours and six sixes, while Wahid, Mudasar, John Mohammad contributed

31, 25, 26 runs to the chase, respectively. Gowhar and Shanawaz took two wickets each for Exen JKSC, while Tawseef, Adil and Rameez claimed one wicket each.

Later Shahnawaz Hussain was awarded the man of the match for his superb all-round performance.

The first semi match of the tournament was played between the Finance department and District Court

Srinagar last week at Cricket Academy ground TRC Srinagar. After winning the toss, the Finance department opted to bat and managed to score only 115 runs in allotted 20 overs for the loss of 9 wickets. The team started losing the wickets from the very first over of the game but it was Aqib mufti who played a brilliant knock of 66 runs. Aqib mufti with 66 runs and M.Y Ittoo 16 runs contribution

helped the Finance department to post a target of 116 runs to the District Court Srinagar.

Basharat, Umar and Adil of District Court Srinagar bagged 2 wickets each while Umar Khadey bagged 1 wicket.

Chasing the target of 116 runs, District Court Srinagar chased down the target set by the Finance department in just 18 overs and entered into the finals of Sports Council's departmental Cricket Tournament.

The tournament was organized for the Government Employees of J&K in the Kashmir division in the first phase in which 13 departments took part and the main aim of conducting the departmental tournaments is to emphasize the importance of sports and relieving professionals of stress, related to their job profiles.

# ADGP Jammu Zone honours Indian Deaf Cricketer Umar Ashraf

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JAMMU: In a ceremony held at the Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu (ZPHQ), Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, felicitated Umar Ashraf, an Indian Deaf cricketer from Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was graced by the presence of Ranjeet Kalra, Member of the J&K Government UT Sports Council, who joined Anand Jain in honouring the special cricketer.

Umar Ashraf represented India as a member of the deaf cricket team in a bilateral series played in England from June 18th to 27th, 2024.

The series witnessed a stellar performance by the Indian team, which emerged victorious by winning five out of the seven matches.

Anand Jain, while commending Umar Ashraf for his extraordinary talent and



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unwavering commitment, expressed his happiness over Umar's participation in the series. "Umar has made all of us proud. It is inspiring to see an outstanding cricketer from Jammu and Kashmir representing India and bringing laurels to our country. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours," Jain remarked.

On the occasion, Anand Jain also praised Ranjeet Kalra for his exceptional con-

tribution towards the promotion of sports, especially for specially-abled players. In recognition of Umar Ashraf's achievements, Anand Jain presented a memento on behalf of the J&K Police to the cricketer. It is pertinent to mention that the Indian deaf cricket team was earlier felicitated by the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virender Kumar, upon their return from England.

# Inter-Zone Dist level Football Tournament held

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GANDERBAL: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Ganderbal hosted an impressive inter-zone district level football tournament on Saturday.

Boys under 17 and under 19 years participated with great enthusiasm, with matches held at MM Stadium Ganderbal and GCOPE Gadoora Ganderbal, respectively.

Teams from all four zones of the district competed, displaying excellent skills and sportsmanship.

On the occasion, District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Ganderbal visited both the venues and interacted with the players,



DYSS officer interacting with players.

providing valuable guidance and emphasizing the importance of sports in developing character and values such as brotherhood, discipline, and cooperation.

In the final matches, Zone

Ganderbal triumphed in both age categories at both venues, while Zone Tullamulla finished as runners-up. The victorious teams were awarded with trophies.

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SRINAGAR: The All India Football Federation has once again chosen Kashmir as the venue for the U-17 National team camp prior to their participation in the SAFF and AFC Qualifiers.

For the second consecutive year, 35 players from across the country, along with 7 staff members led by local star and head coach Ishfaq Ahmed, will begin their three-month camp starting from 8th July.

In addition, the J&K Sports Council is organizing summer coaching camps in Archery, Rugby, Gymnastics, and Hockey from 8th to 17th July. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact the



Hockey teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

relevant officials at the JKSC office to join these exciting camps.

In other news, the Kashmir Open Hockey Tournament 2024 is in full swing. Organized by the Kashmir Veterans Hockey Society in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council under the 'My Youth My

Pride' initiative, 16 teams from different districts are competing at the J&K Sports Council's Hockey Turf at Polo Ground Srinagar. The competition is heating up, and tomorrow, the finalists will face off for the ultimate triumph.

Football enthusiasts are also eagerly following the

Spring Legacy Knockout Football Tournament at Polo Ground, organized in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council. Since 31st May 2024, 24 teams have been fiercely competing. The finalists, Syed Taj-ud-Din Football Club Natipora and Downtown Heroes Football Club, will vie for the crown

on 12th July 2024.

The Secretary of the J&K Sports Council has extended her best wishes to the finalists of the football and hockey tournaments, saying, Sports pave the way for our youth to showcase their talent and earn laurels for the UT and the country at international events.

"Jammu and Kashmir is turning out to be a hotbed for sports culture, and I am glad that AIFF has chosen Srinagar to host the U-17 National team camp with our local hero as head coach. I am sure the climate, high altitude, and full support will once again help the National football team bring back gold like last year," she added.

# Maharashtra's Shiva lifts Korga Dangal title

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JAMMU: Wrestler Shiva of Maharashtra lifted the 31th annual Korga Dangal title defeating top J&K wrestler Benia of JKP in just 11 minutes at village Korga in district Jammu.

The winner felicitated with a cash prize of Rs 61,000 while Benia received Rs R 40,000 in this Rs one lakh title bout. Dangal was organized by Korga Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the supervision of Jagdish Singh (president) and Sat Paul Verma.

The second main bout went to Rashid of Vijaypur, who trounced Robbin Amritsar in Punjab. Winner Rashid was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 20,000 while runners-up Robbin got



Senior BJP leader Nand Kishore Sharma with wrestlers and other dignitaries.

Rs. 15,000. In third bout, Nadeem (Rs 12,000) of J&K Police defeated Chandan (Rs 9,000) again from Amritsar in Punjab.

Surjit Singh (Rs 9,000) of J&K Police bagged the fourth main bout outplaying Maam Hussain (Rs 6,000)

of Domel. Senior BJP leader and Prabhari Kissan Morcha J&K, Nand Kishore Sharma was chief guest, who gave away cash prizes to the title holder wrestlers.

Former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports Council

and president J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Shiv Kumar Sharma presided over the valedictory function and Ram Paul Sharma, prominent wrestling promoter was guest of honour.

In all, 58 bouts played in this day-long wherein prizes worth Rs four lakh distributed.

Members of Korga Dangal Committee who helped in smooth conduct of dangal were Retired Captain Jagdish Singh (president) retired Captain, Nasib Singh, Madan Lal, Chanchal Singh, Som Dutt Sharma, Kapoor Chand, Chuni Mistri, Pershotam Singh, retired Subadar Sansar Singh, Suram Singh, Makhan Lal, Noor Alam, Rashpaul Singh, Pritam Singh and Romesh Singh.

Other Results: Amit of RS Pura beat Dillar Khan of J&K Police, Anuj of Delhi beat Youv Raj of Akhnoor, Rajesh Sharma of J&K Police beat Jai Bhagwan of Delhi, Anil of Reasi beat Irfan of Basantgarh, Murad Ali of Nagrota beat Amit of Delhi, Gopi of Kohali (Amritsar) beat Arjun of Jammu, Sanjay of J&K Police beat Mohan Singh of Reasi, Ranjit Singh of J&K Police beat Jarnail Singh of Reasi, Gulshan of J&K Police beat Ali of Udhampur and Salman of Chopra Shop beat Ankush of Sonipat.

Prominent among those present were Mohan Lal, Deep Singh (Pinka), Satish Sharma, Om Parkash Verma, Mansa Ram, Shosha and Sahil Sharma of Nagrota.

# NHA appreciates work of Jammu based Joint Replacement Surgeon Dr Vikas Padha

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JAMMU: National Health Authority (NHA) appreciated the work done by Jammu based Senior Joint Replacement Surgeon Dr Vikas Padha under Ayushman Bharat Scheme.

In a social media post shared by NHA on social media platforms of X, Facebook and Instagram, official handles of NHA wrote "A successful Total Hip Replacement surgery done free of cost under #AyushmanCard on a patient in #JammuAndKashmir. The surgery otherwise would have cost between Rs 1.5 - 2 Lakh. The happy patient got relief from years of hip pain and walked effortlessly to his home. #PMJAY #AyushmanBharat" This surgery was done by Jammu based Joint Replacement Surgeon Dr Vikas Padha who is working as Senior Consultant Orthopaedics and Joint Replacement at Narayana Hospital Katra, Jammu." "I have been doing Joint Replacement Surgeries like Total Knee Replacement and Total Hip Replacement at Narayana Hospital Katra since 2017 when I had joined this institute. In 2021, our hospital got empanelled under Ayushman Bharat Scheme and I started doing Joint Replacement Surgeries free of cost to



patient under this scheme. In last 1.5 Years only, I have done around 200 Joint Replacement Surgeries at Narayana Hospital Katra" stated Dr Vikas Padha. Joint Replacement Surgeries are costly Surgeries that cost around Rs 1.5 to 2 lakh and under this scheme, poor patients have been treated that otherwise would have been impossible. The appreciation of work done under Ayushman Bharat Scheme in Jammu on national platform is a matter of pride for the healthcare sector of Jammu.

# CS for exploring drug de-addiction IPD facilities in remaining Dist Hospitals

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, impressed upon the Health Department to explore the possibility of establishing In-Patient Department (IPD) facilities in all the major district hospitals of J&K.

Dulloo, while chairing the 10th UT Level Apex Committee meeting of NCORD on Saturday, emphasized upon the importance of putting in place a foolproof mechanism to check illegal selling of psychotropic or scheduled drugs over the counters by the pharmacies. He stressed on ensuring installation of CCTV cameras and Computerized Billing Systems (CBS) at remaining Pharmacies forthwith. He said that no pharmacy should be allowed to function without such facilities especially in urban areas.

The Chief Secretary asked for formulating district-wise statistics clearly showing the cases registered and the subsequent actions taken against the convicts. He asked for detailing out actions like detentions, seizures, property attachments made, licences of pharmacies suspended/cancelled, repeated offenders



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting.

arrested under Public Safety Act (PSA), persons bailed out from courts and those successfully convicted in the court of law. He also took note of the properties belonging to drug traffickers seized by the police department and asked for ensuring that relevant entries are too made in the revenue records reflecting these attachments.

He enjoined upon the need for carrying out quality investigations to improve the conviction rates. He stressed on the departments like Police, School Education, RDD, Urban Development, Health and Excise to run regular campaigns creating awareness among the people especially youth about this menace.

The Chief Secretary empha-

sized upon the Excise Department to furnish details of Agricultural lands used for diverse crops that were earlier used to grow illicit crops like hemp or poppy. He made out that such claims should be corroborated by the Agriculture Department for its acceptability.

On the occasion, a presentation made by the SDG Crime, provided the overall scenario of drug menace in J&K besides highlighting the success with which it is being tackled by the administration. He also gave brief about the status of actions taken by the concerned over the directives given during previous meeting. It was revealed that the five newly approved NDPS courts would be made fully

functional within a month's time. Besides, the IPD facilities have been established by the Health Department in all the seven Medical Colleges of the UT besides having De-addiction centres in all the 20 districts. It was added that these centres are manned by trained Psychiatrists with necessary SOPs framed by the Department for both kinds of facilities.

Giving details about the enforcement measures taken by the Police and other departments, the meeting was apprised that 5 licences have been cancelled and 169 suspended by the Drug Controller for violating the norms. It was further informed that the police has arrested 1187 persons, so far, in this year regis-

tering 837 cases. It was also given out that during this period 25 kg of Heroin, 24 kg of B.Sugar, 187 kg Charas, 1.5 kg of opium, 106 kg Fukki, 1701 kg poppy straw, 190 kg Bhang, 52 kg Ganja, 59,979 Tablets/capsules, 89 injections and 2830 syrup bottles of psychotropic substances were seized by the department during this year.

Regarding rehabilitation of addicts, it was informed that 1,37,329 persons have visited the OPD facilities of Health, 1441 the Police Drug De-addiction facilities, 1000 Social Welfare sponsored ones and 533 have visited those De-addiction facilities established in private sector; the meeting was apprised.

Among others the meeting was attended by ACS, Forest, Principal Secretary, Home, SDG, Crime, ADGP, HQ, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, ADGP, Jammu, Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Secretary, RDD, Secretary, Health, Secretary, Law; DG prosecution, representatives from BSE, SLA and other senior civil and police officers while Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and outstation officers participated virtually.

# Kabaddi Coaching camp begins at Mendhar



SDM Mendhar, Imran Rashid inaugurating a Kabaddi camp.

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POONCH: Organised by Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council (JKSC), the specialised advance coaching camp got underway today on the campus of Government Higher Secondary (boys) School, Mendhar, here.

The camp was formally declared open by Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mendhar, Imran Rashid, who was chief guest. He interacted with the participants from different districts of Jammu Division.

Earlier, president District Poonch Kabaddi

Association, Basharat Khan presented a brief note of the activities to be held during the camp. He also introduced the entire technical team with the distinguished gathering.

He informed that the camp was brain child of the general secretary of the J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association, Kuldeep Gupta, who along with Anil Gupta (president) has planned a lot of activities for the game.

Among other prominent present were coaches, Mir Alam and Ajay Gupta and members of organising committee comprising office bearers of the district Poonch.

# Archiya's medal a boost to Fencing in J&K

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JAMMU: Arshiya Jamwal a young sabre fencer of Jammu and Kashmir won individual Bronze Medal in the recently held 12th Mini and 6th National Open Child Cup (Under-10) fencing championships held at Cuttack in Odisha under the banner of Fencing Association of India (FAI).

Arshiya Jamwal of J&K won Individual bronze medal in Sabre girls event. Around 400 young boys and girls from 18 States and Union Territories participated in this four-day long competition.

Joined by convener Fencing J&K, Rashid Ahmed Choudhary; Supriya Chouchan, fencing coaches, Rachna Jamwal and Shotu Lal Sharma, the entire fencing fraternity of J&K extend best wishes to Arshiya for bright future Fencing sports.

