

Yudhvir inaugurates 1st J&K T10 Cricket State Tournament in memory of Mukherjee

Says Sports play a crucial role in holistic development of youth

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President, along with Vijay Sabarwal, President Parade Sports Association and Adv Rajesh Jaitly Member Association inaugurated the 1st J&K T10 Cricket State Tournament on Monday at the Parade Ground, Jammu.

This tournament is organized in memory of Syama Prasad Mukherjee, a prominent Indian politician, barrister, and academician who founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the precursor to the BJP.

The inauguration ceremony saw a large gathering of cricket enthusiasts, local dignitaries, and community members who came together



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President lighting a lamp.

to honor the legacy of Mukherjee. This seven days tournament was organized by Sandeep Dogra, Convenor Ward 15, BJP, J&K.

Yudhvir Sethi, in his address, emphasized the importance of sports in fos-

tering unity, discipline, and healthy competition among the youth. He lauded the organizers for their initiative to commemorate Mukherjee's contributions through a sports event, highlighting how such tournaments can

inspire young talent and bring communities closer.

"This tournament is not just a platform for showcasing cricketing talent but also a tribute to Syama Prasad Mukherjee, whose vision and dedication have been a guiding force for many. Sports play a crucial role in the holistic development of individuals, and events like these are instrumental in nurturing the spirit of teamwork and perseverance among our youth," said Sethi.

The J&K T10 Cricket State Tournament features teams from various districts across the state, competing for the coveted trophy. The tournament aims to provide a competitive yet enjoyable experience for players while pro-

moting the spirit of sportsmanship. The event is expected to draw significant attention from the local community, encouraging greater participation in sports activities.

Yudhvir Sethi also interacted with the young cricketers, offering words of encouragement and advice. He stressed the importance of dedication, hard work, and fair play in achieving success, both on and off the field.

The senior BJP leader reiterated the BJP's commitment to supporting sports and youth development initiatives in the region. He expressed hope that the tournament would become an annual event, further solidifying its place in the state's sports calendar.

Heritage School Jammu hosts positive discipline workshop for educators



Resource person, Rahul Raja Sharma speaking at a workshop in Heritage School.

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JAMMU: Heritage School dedicated to provide a supportive and inclusive learning environment, hosted a Positive Discipline Workshop for educators on Monday.

The workshop, led by seasoned humanitarian and child protection specialist, Rahul Raja Sharma, aimed to equip teachers and staff with effective strategies and techniques to promote positive discipline in the

classroom and beyond.

The session focused on creating a culture of mutual respect, empathy and understanding, encouraging educators to adopt a student-centred approach to discipline.

Topics covered included 'Understanding the principles of positive discipline', 'Creating a supportive learning environment', 'Encouraging student self-regulation and responsibility' and 'Effective commu-

nication and conflict resolution techniques'.

The workshop was a valuable opportunity for our educators to learn and grow and we look forward in implementing these positive discipline strategies in our daily practices.

By conducting such workshops, Heritage School reaffirms its dedication in providing a world-class education and fostering a positive school culture.

Inter Dist Subroto Mukherjee Football Tournament begins in Baramulla



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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BARAMULLA: An inaugural ceremony of the Inter District Subroto Mukherjee Football Tournament was organized at Showkat Ali Stadium in Baramulla on Monday.

The tournament being organized by the Youth Services and Sports Department Kashmir witnessed enthusiastic participation from almost nine districts across the Kashmir province in the under-15 age category.

The tournament is being

conducted under the supervision of Rashid Kohli, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Kashmir, and is hosted by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Baramulla.

The inaugural ceremony was a grand affair, graced by the Principal of GDC Boys Baramulla, DYSSO Baramulla, and other distinguished dignitaries from the department.

The opening ceremony began with the traditional sports pledge, fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and fair

play among the young athletes. Principal GDC Boys Baramulla and DYSSO Baramulla welcomed all participants, encouraging them to give their best and enjoy the spirit of competition.

The Inter District Subroto Mukherjee Football Tournament aims to promote youth sports and provide a platform for budding footballers to showcase their talent. The event is expected to witness intense and exciting matches over the coming days, reflecting the vibrant sports culture of Jammu & Kashmir.

DPS Udhampur honours winners of Unison 6.0

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UDHAMPUR: Delhi Public School (DPS) Udhampur recently wrapped up Unison 6.0, a two-day debating extravaganza that was all about fostering a culture of constructive dialogue, creative problem-solving, and mutual respect. The event was a resounding success, with students showcasing their critical thinking, effective communication, and teamwork skills.

The closing ceremony was a vibrant celebration, featuring a scintillating school band performance, a Bollywood bonanza, and a Western burlesque that left the audience spellbound.

The dignitaries present, including Dr. J.C. Gupta Pro Vice Chairman DPS Udhampur was the Chief Guest, Vivek Gupta, MD DPSU and Sucheta Gupta, Director Academics were the Guests of Honour; Dr. Kunal Anand Principal DPSU and Guneeet Singh, Founder of



DPS Udhampur faculty and winner students posing for a photograph.

Kitab & Kalam NGO were Special Invitees.

The winners of Unison 6.0 were announced, and the categories included Conventional, Bilingual Turncoat, Best Panel, and more. The festival was a fantastic opportunity for young minds to shine, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for these talented debaters!"

Principal of the School, Dr. Kunal Anand, mentioned, in his opinion that one needs to be vocal to face the challenges of life. A child should know how to give vent to his

thoughts logically. It is the need of the hour. As the world changing at the faster pace, so there is a need to shift focus to such platforms where kids can be trained to deal with future goals.

Guneeet Singh, Founder of Kalam and Kitab was invited as Special Guest and Judge for the day. Praneel Gupta and Sarthar Sharma both Alumni for DPSU were other Judges.

The winners of Unison 6.0 were announced during the closing ceremony for all the categories by dignitaries present there.

Winners in Conventional Debate category were Priyanshi from class X First, Adeep Kour (XI) 2nd, Manika Consolation.

Winners of Bilingual Turncoat: Debate Category, Sanchi First, Avantika 2nd and Tanishka: Consolation Best Panel award was given to the panelist of the topic "Obsession with Medical and Engineering stream in Indian Society"

The delegates of various committee were also awarded.

In the Lok Sabha, the award for Verbal mention:

Rahul Gandhi (Ujjwal Dogra), Special mention: Narendra Modi (Devisha) Honorary Mention: Ajay Maken (Naman Sharma) Promising Delegate : Asaduddin Owaisi (Aryan Jamwal) Best Delegate : S. Jaishanker (Anshit Sharma).

In the committee of IPC Verbal Mention: Christine Asse (Divyanshi Gulati), Special Mention: Andre Kondrashov (Ananya), Honorary Mention: Palki Sharma, Promising Delegate: Glenn Beck, Best Delegate: Sudhir Chowdhary

In the UNSC committee Verbal Mention: UAE, Special mention: USA, Honorary Mention: Pakistan, Promising Delegate: Ukraine Best Delegate : China

The festival aimed to foster a culture of constructive dialogue, creative problem-solving, and mutual respect among participants.

Rashmi Singh convenes Public Darbar at Surinsar

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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary, Hospitality & Protocol Department, Dr Rashmi Singh, on Monday convened a public darbar at Surinsar, providing a platform for the public to voice issues and concerns.

She was accompanied by Additional District Development Commissioner Jammu, Sher Singh besides other senior officers.

The public darbar addressed various concerns including the need for medical staff, issues with power transmission lines and road projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Public Works Department (PWD).

Dr Rashmi Singh reviewed the status of various infrastructure projects being funded under different



Commissioner Secretary, H&P Department, Dr Rashmi Singh and others at a programme.

schemes. She also took stock of the ongoing monkey menace troubling the area.

"These public outreach programmes help the administration take stock of public grievances at their doorsteps besides assessing ongoing development works. Regular follow up of public issues by the concerned officers is

essential for prompt redressal besides having in place enhanced coordination among all the departments," asserted Dr Rashmi Singh.

She emphasised the importance of public participation in decision making besides effective implementation of development works. She asked the offi-

cials to ensure that the public is sensitised about their rights and various government schemes.

"Public darbars crucially helping in bridging the gap between the administration and the public. We are committed towards ensuring that the voices of the citizens are heard and their

issues addressed promptly", she maintained.

ADDC, Sher Singh said that the administration is dedicated towards resolving issues faced by the people besides improving overall infrastructure and services.

The event was attended by BDC Chairman, Kuldeep Raj and other public representatives besides officers including Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh, Tehsildar Jammu Khas Paramdeep Singh and BDO Nagrota among other district officials.

BDC Chairman Kuldeep Raj and other public representatives lauded the efforts of the district administration for organising such interactive sessions, underscoring their importance in fostering transparent governance and accountability.

JKCA to host a galaxy of national matches this season; 3 Ranji Trophy after a gap of 6 yrs

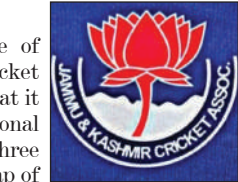
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JAMMU: The Sub Committee of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has said that it will host a big number of national matches this season, including three Ranji Trophy matches after a gap of six years in Srinagar and Jammu.

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has granted hosting rights to the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA). Apart from three Ranji Trophy matches, we are aiming to host a good number of matches in U-23 and U-19 Men's category," said Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA.

Manhas said that hosting of three Ranji Trophy and other age group matches smacks a great feeling, adding that JKCA is committed to take every step with regard to hold these matches in a most befitting manner.

According to the match schedule issued by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), J&K's Ranji team will play against Maharashtra and Services in Srinagar at SK



Cricket Stadium, Srinagar.

While the matches in Srinagar are scheduled for October, the local cricketers in valley stated that it marked a significant moment for local cricket enthusiasts who have been waiting in the wings for the return of BCCI's domestic cricket to the region.

The cricket enthusiasts said that the return of the Ranji Trophy matches is expected to boost the morale of local players and offer them a platform to showcase their talents on a bigger stage.

"JKCA has already organised a big number of matches in Jammu and Srinagar from the last two months to select and prepare their teams for the BCCI's upcoming domestic season. The hosting of national matches will provide ample opportunity to J&K cricketers to hone and showcase their skill, besides getting home advantage," said one of the premier coaches of JKCA while feeling satisfaction over BCCI's decision of granting JKCA hosting rights.

Poonch players qualify Hockey India course

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JAMMU: Senior hockey player and coach of district Poonch, Pawan Kumar and Saval Ahmed have qualified Hockey India Education Pathway Basic Level Coaching Course conducted by Hockey India. Now, they (Pawan and Saval) are eligible for attending Level 1 course of the Hockey India. Both have already done Diploma in Sports Coaching from Sports Authority of India (SAI) and many time represented J&K at National level tournaments in different age groups. Pawan Kumar is currently working as Physical Education Lecturer serving with Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), Saval Ahmed works as Hockey Instructor with J&K Sports Council (JKSC) under PMDP at Sports Stadium Poonch. Furthermore, both of them are currently associated with Sham Lal Hockey Club Poonch.



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SRINAGAR: Monday marked the start of major Summer Coaching Camps in Srinagar, with a 21-day Kabaddi Camp at Sher e Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex (SKISC) and a 10-day Multi-Discipline Coaching Camp at Polo Ground, offering training in Gymnastics, Archery, Rugby, and Hockey.

Dr. Javed ur Rehman, Divisional Sports Officer Central and Nusrat Gazala Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir inaugurated the



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries at a camp.

Kabaddi Camp, featuring players selected by J&K Sports Council experts.

The Polo Ground Camp provides training under

coaches of JKSC Krupali Singh, Mushtaq Sofi, Ishfaq Lone and Mudasar Ahmad.

Participants in both

camps expressed excitement, appreciating the opportunity to develop

their skills and nurture their talents in a supportive environment.

CEO SSCL inspects construction of Balidan Stambh

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SRINAGAR: The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Srinagar Smart City Ltd (SSCL), Dr. Owais Ahmed on Monday conducted a thorough inspection of the ongoing projects being carried out as part of the Smart City Mission.

The focus of the inspection was on the upgradation and redevelopment of Nishat Bagh Precinct along with associated works, as well as the con-



CEO, SSCL, Dr. Owais Ahmed inspecting ongoing projects.

struction of Balidan Stambh at Pratap Park,

which includes landscaping, drainage, and illumination works throughout Srinagar city.

The CEO closely monitored the progress of the projects. He emphasized the need to accelerate the pace of work on both the Nishat Precinct and Balidan Stambh projects.

Directives were issued to expedite the completion of the Nishat Precinct within the shortest possible timeframe. Additionally, while

visiting the Balidan Stambh at Pratap Park, the CEO urged for an increase in the work speed and emphasized the completion of all remaining tasks, including landscaping, without any delays.

The SSCL team assured the CEO that the project works are being executed with a strong focus on ensuring high quality standards and timely completion. The dedicated efforts of the team are

geared towards the successful execution of these transformative projects that will contribute to the beautification and enhancement of Srinagar city.

The CEO SSCL was accompanied by the officials including the Addl. CEO and GM of Planning and Urban Designing, Executive Engineers, and other officials from the Engineering and Planning departments.

Abhishek wins Wrestling Bronze for J&K

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JAMMU: Abhishek Singh of Jammu and Kashmir bagged Bronze medal in the just held Under-17 Free Style National Wrestling Championship at Udhampur in Uttarakhand.

Abhishek contested in 92 kg weight category event and lost in the semifinals. Earlier, he qualified for the semifinals beating his opponents in well contested bouts, a handout issued by the Wrestling Association of J&K said.

The 15-member J&K team was accompanied by Vireshwar Bhardwaj as coach.

Meanwhile, president of the Association, Basudev Sharma congratulated Abhishek for the achievement.

