

J&K Tennis Ball Cricket teams selected for nationals



Selected Jammu & Kashmir Tennis Ball Cricket teams posing with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Tennis Ball Cricket Association has selected two teams for prestigious upcoming national tournaments. After two days of intense selection trials held at M.A. Stadium, Jammu, on 27th and 28th July, the selected

teams were screened by the Divisional Sports Officer, J&K Sports Council. The selected teams will represent Jammu & Kashmir in the All India Tennis Ball Cricket Championship in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, from August 1 to 3, 2025. Additionally, the Under-14 Boys team will

compete in the 10th Mini Sub Junior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship in Delhi, scheduled from August 18 to 20, 2025. Senior Team: Elhan Feroze, Burhan Ishaq, Mohsin Bashir, Irfan Yaqoob, Mohd Adnan, Musab Ud Din, Faizan Nazir, Burhan

Showkat, Shaiq Rafiq, Furkan Rashid, Wakar Bin Hilal, Haris Yaseen, Mohd Adnan Khan, Mohd Shafi Kullay (Manager) and Furkan Fayaz (Coach). Under-14 Team: Dar Momin (Captain), Anant Dev Gupta, Dara Singh, Shah Tasaduq, Aish Sabarwal, Salim Shahir, Mans Abrol, Mohd Dayeed, Lavvesh, Tarunmay Singh, Arav Tangii, Arav Singh, Ritvik Mala, Saransh Azad, Gulshan Rattan (Coach) and Mohd Shafi (Manager). The J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association, in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council, wishes the players and coaches the very best for their upcoming challenges in Chennai and Delhi.

Div Com Jammu felicitates C3 Institute's students



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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Wednesday felicitated C3ians of Batch 2024-25 with awards and Certificates as they got

selected in various reputed colleges at National Level from J&K. Awards and Certificates were distributed to meritorious students who got selected in various reputed colleges in India.

Aaryan Chandan got selected in IIM Rohtak, Aayana Ambarar got selected in SRCC, Saksham Mahajan got selected in IIM and Kirori Mal College, Nitya Mattoo, Manya Kesar and Aviral Kapoor also got selected in SRCC.

On the occasion of prize distribution, IAS Ramesh Kumar motivated students and provide counselling session to them. He appraised the commendable work done by Ashish Maharaj (Chairman C3 institute) and Bhawana (Managing Director) for the betterment and holistic development of current generation in the field of Commerce and Humanities stream.

HPS celebrates Sawan Month with devotion



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SAMBA: Humanity Public School celebrated the auspicious month of Sawan with devotion. The event commenced with a sacred Shiv Aarti, led by Principal Gaurav Charak, Vice Principal Anku Charak, Administrative Officer Ravinder Sadhu, Administrative Incharge Akashdeep Raina, Higher Secondary Incharge Prasad Singh, High and Middle Wing Incharge Namrata Sharma, Primary Wing Incharge Vandana Sharma, Pre-Primary Wing Incharge Aparna Billowria, IT Incharge Er. Varinder Kumar, and Sports Incharge Mahan Singh. Tiny tots Anmol (UKG) and Ditya (LKG) dressed as Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, delighting everyone with their adorable presence. The program, hosted by Nandini of Class 10, featured a series of cultural and spiritual activities. Aradhya Sharma (Class 7) and Varsha (Class 9) presented an informative talk on the significance of Sawan. Aarohi and Sehaj (Class 3), along with Ayukt (UKG), Mahira and Parineeti (LKG), recited beautiful poems. Kamaljeet, a Middle Wing teacher, delivered an insightful talk on the cultural and spiritual essence of Sawan. A highlight of the event was a captivating Shiv Tandav dance performance by Amnisha of Class 9, which left the audience mesmerized. A melodious choir performance by students from Classes 6, 8, and 9, under the guidance of music teachers Kumar Abhilash and Rajan Kumar, added a spiritual vibe to the celebration. Principal Gaurav Charak appreciated the students' efforts and emphasized that such celebrations help students connect with their cultural heritage and develop respect for religious diversity. Vice Principal Anku Charak also inspired students to explore spirituality and embrace the richness of Indian culture.

Chugh, Film Makers call on LG Sinha



Film Makers calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), J&K Union Territory. Later, Shashi Ranjan, Film Maker and Chairman Indian Television Academy (ITA), along with Pradeep Sharma, Film Maker &

(LoP) in J&K Legislative Assembly and Sat Sharma, President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), J&K Union Territory. Founder of Citara Group and Rahul Nehra, Founder & Managing Director Citara Group called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The delegation discussed the promotion of cultural and film-related activities in Jammu Kashmir.

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Satish emphasises S&T driven agricultural transformation

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Science and Technology, Transport, Satish Sharma, on Wednesday reaffirmed the government's commitment towards transforming Jammu and Kashmir's agriculture sector through cutting-edge science, technology and innovation.



Minister for Information Technology, Satish Sharma chairing a meeting.

The Minister was speaking at a high-level Stakeholders Meet on Strengthening the Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) Ecosystem in Kashmir, organized by PIRAH, Northern Region S&T Cluster in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Science & Technology Council and Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural

Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-Kashmir). The function witnessed participation of Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Dr. Nazir Ahmad Ganai; Secretary Science & Technology, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary; Advisor PIRAH, Jatinder Kour Arora; Additional Director JKSTIC, Dr. Nasir Shah along with senior

scientists, progressive farmers, scholars and officers of the Science & Technology Department. Satish Sharma invoked the visionary reforms of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Abdullah, who brought the historic land-to-the-tiller legislation. He emphasized that the present focus is on bringing about a

similar transformation through smart technologies and modern scientific interventions in agriculture. "Today's focus is on creating a dynamic Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) ecosystem in Kashmir: Our farmers must not only be beneficiaries of government aid but active participants in technological progress," he maintained. The Minister outlined several key pillars of the government's agricultural transformation agenda under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. These included Smart Farming Solutions, Biotechnology Interventions, Post-Harvest Management and Value Addition, Use of Renewable Energy in Agriculture, E-Commerce and Direct Market Access for Farmers, Skill Development,

Capacity Building and Robust R&D. Satish Sharma also launched four new start-ups by young innovators of SKUAST-K, symbolizing the government's support for youth-led entrepreneurship in the agri-tech domain. He praised the innovative spirit of Kashmir's youth and stressed the importance of creating a conducive research and innovation ecosystem. "We have the brains that can do wonders. All they need is the right environment, like a seed that needs sunlight and water to bloom," he added. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, elaborated on the university's initiatives to build a vibrant agri-technology ecosystem. He said that these steps are geared toward increasing employability, improving

yields, and boosting the income of the farming community. Secretary Science & Technology, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, stressed the need to bridge the gap between government and academia, enabling the young researchers to scale their innovations. He proposed institutional scholarships to support youth innovators and ensure their ideas receive the necessary backing. Earlier, the Minister went around the SKUAST-K campus and interacted with the students and innovators. He was briefed about several ongoing research projects and cutting-edge technologies being developed to support sustainable and climate-resilient farming in the region.

CS reviews financial inclusion measures, emphasises saturation of beneficiary oriented schemes

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Wednesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the status of financial inclusion initiatives and beneficiary-oriented schemes being implemented across J&K.



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a high-level meeting on Wednesday.

The Chief Secretary underscored the need for saturation of all financial inclusion schemes in the Union Territory. He expressed concern over the low enrolment rates in several welfare schemes. He directed the concerned departments to scale up coverage in a mission mode to ensure no eligible citizen is left out. The Chief Secretary highlighted that prompt and seamless delivery of benefits is key to building public confidence in government programmes. He instructed the officials to ensure timely extension of scheme benefits to all eligible individuals, stating that such efficiency would encourage more citizens to come forward and take advantage of these schemes.

The review meeting assessed the significant progress made under various financial and social inclusion schemes. He highlighted the substantial impact of initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Atal

Pension Yojana (APY) in bringing financial security and empowerment to the region's populace. Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D.Vaidya, while giving insights about the overall scenario of these social security schemes, made out that the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is the foundation of financial inclusion. About its penetration in the UT, it was revealed that Kathua leads with 92.74 per cent achievement against its 2024-25 target for new accounts, followed by Bandipora at 71.08 per cent. Overall, the region achieved 46.75 per cent of its annual target for 2024-25, with 21.45 lakh cumulative accounts as of March 31, 2025. In terms of enrolment against the 2011 Census Population, Samba district

shows the highest PMJDY account penetration at 31 per cent, followed by Reasi and Baramulla at 24 per cent each. With respect to the PMSBY which provides affordable accidental insurance, the enrolment has shown remarkable growth, increasing by 168 per cent to 23.57 lakh in the last five years. The total premium paid as of 2024-25 stands at Rs 13.55 Cr, with claims disbursed amounting Rs 18.39 crore. The meeting was further informed that overall, the region has achieved 116.16 per cent of its PMSBY enrolment target for 2024-25, reaching a cumulative achievement of 23.56 lakh since inception till March 31, 2025. Jammu district has the highest cumulative enrolment since inception, with 5,80,112

beneficiaries. A total of 1,123 claims have been received since inception, with 930 settled, disbursing Rs18.39 Cr. J&K Bank leads in claims settled against premium collected, with 204 per cent achievement. As far as PMJJBY is concerned, it was said to offer an affordable life insurance cover of Rs2 lakh upon death due to any cause. Regarding the enrolment in PMJJBY, it was revealed that the Kishtwar and Kupwara districts have achieved over 170 per cent and 140 per cent of their PMJJBY enrolment targets in 2024-25, respectively. The total achievement for 2024-25 stood at 94.89 per cent of the annual target, with cumulative enrolment reaching 9.66 lakh since inception till March 31, 2025. Jammu district has the highest cumulative

enrollment under PMJJBY, with 2,33,455 beneficiaries. Out of 2,996 claims received since inception, 2,296 have been settled, disbursing Rs 45.90 crore. Again J&K Bank had processed the highest number of claims. The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) provides a guaranteed monthly pension of Rs1,000 to Rs 5,000 after 60 years of age for workers in the unorganized sector. The enrolment has seen a significant increase of 148 per cent in the last five years, reaching 2.48 lakh beneficiaries. In 2024-25, Kishtwar and Rajouri districts have achieved 64.57 per cent and 64.39 per cent of their annual enrollment targets, respectively. Overall, the region has achieved 40.52 per cent of its APY enrollment target for 2024-25, with a cumulative enrolment of 2.48 lakh as of March 31, 2025. Samba district has the highest APY enrollment against the 2011 Census population at 5.8 per cent, followed by Jammu at 5.4 per cent. These schemes collectively underscore the government's commitment towards fostering comprehensive financial and social inclusion, ensuring a more secure and prosperous future for the citizens of the UT.

Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE	
11078 Jhelum Express	
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 660	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	

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Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291
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Emergency	2549669
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Indian Red Cross Society	2549413
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Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705
City	2544263
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Bari Brahmana	220020
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Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82
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JKSRTC Bus Stand	2577475
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	101
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Municipality	2547846, 2542192
Health Officer	2547440
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FIND CINEMA			
SAIYARA (HINDI)			
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	07:45 PM	11:00 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU			
	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	01:10 PM 04:20 PM
	7:30 PM	10:40 PM	
THE FANTASTIC FOUR (HINDI)			
WAVE ONE CINEMA	10:00 AM / 10:55 AM		
SARBALA JI			
WAVE ONE MOVIES	10:15 AM / 4:15 PM / 7:00 PM		
SUPERMAN (HINDI)			
WAVE ONE MOVIES	5:45 PM		
MAHAVATAR NARSIMHA HINDI			
WAVE ONE MOVIES	3:00 PM	9:45 PM	