

# J&K beat Chandigarh by 6 wkts in T20 women's practice game

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Riding on a superb all-round show by Rubia Syed and splendid bowling display by the duo of right-arm leg-spinner Ananaya Sharma and off-spinner Rudrakshi Chib, J&K outplayed Chandigarh (UTCA) by six wickets in a low scoring game of the ongoing Senior Women T20 Practice Matches at Chandigarh on Wednesday.  
 As per the reports reaching here, put into bat, UTCA made paltry 69 runs in the rain-curtailed 15 overs. Monika Pandey (17), Sarah



J&K team in a jubilant mood after winning a match against Chandigarh.

Mahajan (16) and skipper Aaradhana Bisht (11) were the main contributors. From J&K, Ananaya Sharma and Rudrakshi Chib shared two wickets each. In reply, J&K chased the target in 11.4 overs by losing four wickets. Rubia Syed top

scored with unbeaten 23 off just 11 balls studded with three sixes, while Chitra Singh Jamwal remained unbeaten on 13 runs with one boundary. Openers Bawandeep Kaur and Ruqaya Amin scored 14 runs each.  
 Rajini Devi and Ishana Chadha took two wickets each for UTCA. For her all-round show, Rubia Syed was adjudged as the Player of the Match.  
 In another match, Himachal Pradesh defeated Uttarakhand in an easy contest by six wickets.

# Young Rajouri boxer becomes National champion

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** A young boxer from district Rajouri has made entire J&K proud by becoming National Champion in the eight-day long 4th Sub-Junior National Boxing Championship which concluded at Noida in Uttar Pradesh today.  
 As per the reports reaching here, Mohammad Yasser defeated his opponent, Nelson Khwairakpam from Manipur in the bout for the Gold in 52-55 kg weight category on the last day of the event this afternoon.  
 Yasser is a product of Khelo India Centre at Sports Stadium Rajouri and trained by the Mentor, Ishitayaq Malik,



a former National boxer and veteran coach, Rajan Sharma.  
 Present at the venue and witnessed the moments of golden victory, Rajan was in a jubilant mood while sharing the news. He was all praise for the Mentor, Ishitayaq Malik for producing champion.

# DYSS to raise U-15 Volleyball teams for World event



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), on the directions of School Games Federation of India (SGFI), on Wednesday started the selection process to pick best talent in under-15 age group of boys and girls for National team at district Jammu. The final selected Indian teams from schools shall represent the country under the banner of SGFI in the World School Volleyball Championship to be hosted by the International School Games Federation at Shanghai in China in the month of December. Now, following the guidelines of the SGFI, the DYSS has initiated the process and today started selection trials for district Jammu at Khel Gaon, Nagrota, near here to name eight boys and girls. "After holding district level selections, the probable shall compete in the selection events at inter-district divisional level and then UT level competition. The best talent shall be picked as final selection to be sent for National level selection through inter-state event, organised by the SGFI between August 26 and 30 at Balewadi in Pune," informed concerned coach of the DYSS, Naresh Kumar. Earlier, in a communiqué to the affiliated state/UT units of the country, the SGFI asked for completing the selection process in the newly introduced age groups. The SGFI, otherwise, conducts National level events in three age groups of under-14, under-17 and under-19.

# DSRS, JU organises Panel Discussion on 'Operation Sindoor: The Future of India's Deterrence'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu (JU), in has organized a Panel Discussion on "Operation Sindoor: The Future of India's Deterrence" on Wednesday in the seminar hall of the DSRS.  
 The panel discussion started by lighting of the lamp and paying tribute to the Bharat Mata by the Chief Guest, Dr. S.P. Vaid (IPS), former DGP of J&K, Prof. Virender Koundal, Director DSRS, Kuldeep Khoda (IPS), Former DGP of J&K, Brigadier Pankaj Chib, Retired from Indian Army, Pradeep Datta, Senior Journalist, and other dignitaries.  
 Director DSRS, Prof. Virender Koundal, formally welcome the Chief Guest, Dr. S.P. Vaid, and other dignitaries and introduced the theme of the panel discussion.  
 Thereafter, Dr. Vaid



Kuldeep Khoda (IPS), Former DGP of J&K speaking during panel discussion at JU.

presided over the session while providing a background on India's Operation Sindoor, stressing blurring of conventional and non-conventional warfare and public awareness. After his remarks, Dr. Vaid invited first speaker Kuldeep Khoda on the dias for his presentation. In his presentation, Kuldeep Khoda shed light on four major factors for the sustenance of Pakistan-supported terrorism: active and passive support, funding, infiltration, and source.  
 He further explained how India has started to focus on source from 2016 onwards, particularly after launching the surgical strikes across the LoC. Khoda also discussed Pakistan's strategy during the Pulwama and Pahalgam terrorist attacks. Thereupon, India responded to Pakistan by identifying nine targets and launching the Operation Sindoor. India's Operation Sindoor, he maintained, not only

exposed Pakistan but also set precedence for future deterrence.  
 Brigadier Pankaj Chib was the second speaker of the panel discussion. He began his presentation with Pakistan's Army Chief's, General Asif Munir, recent statement about the nuclear threat, the status of the Indus Water Treaty, and Kashmir as a jugular vein of Pakistan. The key focus of Brigadier Pankaj's presentation was Pakistan's nuclear strategy and to present itself as an irrational power which can take any untypical decision that include launching nuclear strikes against India. Brigadier Pankaj concluded his presentation by emphasizing that Indian policymakers must derive an approach to de-nuclearize Pakistan to resolve the Kashmir issue.  
 In the end, Pradeep Datta beamed his viewpoint on the global agenda of terrorism and its collaborative nexus against India. Further, he stated that the Modi government has taken an upright stand against Pakistan by launching multiple operations inside Pakistani territory and demolishing terrorist infrastructure. After this, Chief Guest, Dr. S.P. Vaid concluded the session by opening the floor for question hour session, followed by his overall viewpoint on three panellists' different accounts on the subject.  
 After this, Director DSRS Prof. Virender Koundal has given concluding remarks and graced the Chief Guest and speakers by presenting them mementos.  
 Faculty of the university's different departments Prof. Sunita Devi, HoD Economics, Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai, Department of Journalism, Sant Kumar, Journalist, and the faculty of the DSRS, Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam, Dr. Surinder Mohan, Dr. Ganesh Malhotra, Dr. Ranjan Sharma, Dr. Sunil Kumar and many eminent academicians, journalists, member of the civil society and students have attended and participated in the panel discussion. Finally, Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam presented the vote of thanks. Manvi Raina conducted the proceeding of the panel discussion. Before this panel discussion, the faculty and students of the DSRS, Dept. of Journalism and the SHTM have hoisted the India's National Flag on the top of the building with passion.

# Kreeda Bharati Udhampur gears up for National Sports Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**UDHAMPUR:** Kreeda Bharati Udhampur has decided to celebrate the National Sports Day in a big way at the district headquarters by way of holding events and creating awareness about sports.  
 The district unit, under the guidance of Udhampur president, Kuldeep Kumar conducted a meeting of the members wherein the programme for the Sports Day was finalised.  
 The meeting was also joined by the Kreeda Bharati J&K president, Shiv Kumar Sharma; senior vice president, R C Vaid and



Kreeda Bharati Udhampur team during a meeting.

secretary, Ashutosh Sharma. Besides the National Sports Day, the members also held discussions regarding Kreeda Gyan Priksha, a National event of the Kreeda Bharati to generate awareness about Olympic and indigenous sports among

youngsters between the age of 12 years to 25 years.  
 While National Sports Day shall be observed on August 29, the Kreeda Gyan Priksha shall be conducted in an online mode on September 14 across the country.  
 Among those who attended the meeting included Renu Sharma (Principal), Ajit Singh (PEM), Sourab Pandit, Vishva Mittar Sharma (Assistant Engineer), Nek Ram Sharma (retired Headmaster), Som Dev Khajuria (PEM), Karun Magotra (PET) and Vipin Photra (Handball coach).

# HGS students tie Rakhi to President of India

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Five talented students from Hermann Gmeiner School (HGS), Jammu, had the honour of meeting the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan during Raksha Bandhan.  
 The delegation, consisting of Ayaapya (Class IX), Diana Koul (Class VIII), Komal Sharma (Class IX), Himanshu Thakur (Class VIII), and Parth Raina (Class IX), was accompanied by Principal Shakun Choudhary.  
 With immense pride and joy, the students tied Rakhi on the President's wrist, sym-



HGS Jammu students presenting memento to President, Droupadi Murmu.

bolizing a bond of protection and respect. This emotional and inspiring occasion left an indelible mark on the young minds, instilling a sense of patriotism and national pride.  
 Principal Shakun Choudhary reflected on the moment, saying, "Meeting the President was an enriching experience, fostering a deeper sense of responsibility among our students towards the nation." The warmth and encouragement from President Murmu inspired the students to strive for excellence and contribute meaningfully to society.

# Sanskrit Day celebrated at CUJ

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The Centre for Comparative Religion and Civilizations (CCRC) at Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the patronage of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, celebrated Sanskrit Day through a Google Meet session, aiming to raise awareness about the Sanskrit language and India's cultural heritage.  
 The ceremony was inaugurated by Prof. Niranjana Bhandari, Director, CCRC, who emphasized the importance of Sanskrit in preserving India's rich cultural legacy.  
 Prof. Asit K. Mantri, Head of the Department of Education Studies, Central University of Jammu, delivered a thought-provoking address on the "Educational Reconstruction of Sanskrit," highlighting its crucial role in Indian culture and knowledge systems.  
 Dr. Ghanshyam Mishra, Coordinator of the Department of Indian-Western Philosophy at Central Sanskrit University, Jammu, spoke on the contemporary relevance of Sanskrit, urging that it be viewed not only as an academic subject but as a living language that reflects the philosophy of life.

# Vishwa Bharati School celebrates I-Day, Janmashtami

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The Pre-Primary wing of Vishwa Bharati School, Akalpur Morh, Jammu, celebrated Independence Day and Janmashtami with enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The event featured vibrant performances by young children, who wore traditional and patriotic attire. They captivated the audience with delightful dance, fancy dress, and music activities.  
 A highlight of the celebration was a role-playing activity where children dressed as



Pre-Primary Wing of Vishwa Bharati School students celebrating Independence Day.

national leaders and freedom fighters, delivering short speeches that reflected their understanding of India's heritage. School Principal

# JKCA announces Paras Dogra-led team for Buchi Babu Trophy

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**SRINAGAR:** To provide much needed exposure to the youngsters and good practice opportunity to the experienced players before the upcoming season, the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) on Wednesday announced senior men's team for the Buchi Babu Trophy. The tournament, being organised by Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) across various venues in Chennai, will commence from August 18. The team shall leave for the venue from Srinagar on August 15. The players namely Shubham Khajuria, Yudhvir Singh Charak, Anjib Nabi and Kanhaiya Wadhawan, who have been picked for this year's Duleep Trophy, have not been considered for this tournament, while Sahil Lotra, who after playing first match of Buchi Babu tournament will fly from Chennai to take part in Duleep Trophy.  
 In multi-day matches, JKCA will take on Indian Railways in their first outing on August 18, followed by the tie against Baroda on August 22 and shall lock horns against Odisha in the third game on August 26.  
**THE TEAM:** Qamran Iqbal, Yawar Hassan, Vivrant Sharma, Musafir Aijaz, Paras Dogra (C), Abdul Samad, Kawalpreet Singh, Shivansh Sharma (WK), Abid Mushtaq, Vanshaj Sharma, Umar Nazir, Sunil Kumar, Rohit Sharma, Umran Malik, Dikshant Kundal, Sahil Lotra.

# Controller Legal Metrology inspects IOC Depot Narwal, reviews functioning of OMCs

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Controller, Legal Metrology Department, J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara on Wednesday conducted an inspection of the Indian Oil Depot, Narwal, Jammu along with senior departmental officers of Legal Metrology Department.  
 The inspection focused on critical operational parameters, including flow meter accuracy, calibration records, and adherence to statutory requirements.  
 Following the inspection, the Controller chaired a comprehensive compliance and safety review meeting with representatives of the three major Oil Marketing



Controller LMD J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara during inspection of Indian Oil Depot, Narwal.

Companies (OMCs) - Limited (HPCL). The meeting aimed at further strengthening statutory compliance and enhancing operational safety standards.

The session commenced with detailed presentations by the OMCs on their operational performance, consumer welfare initiatives and compliance status under the Legal Metrology Act.  
 A major highlight of the day was a mock emergency drill conducted at the Indian Oil Depot to assess preparedness for contingencies such as fires or fuel spillages. The drill evaluated staff responsiveness, the efficiency of safety protocols, and the readiness of emergency equipment.  
 An interactive session was also held with members of the Petroleum Retailers Association Jammu, facilitating direct engagement between petroleum retailers, OMC representatives, and the Department.  
 The Controller assured stakeholders of prompt action on their concerns, while OMCs reiterated their commitment to continuous improvement and collaborative problem-solving.  
 He said that the review provided a dual opportunity to ensure OMCs meet all compliance and safety standards, and to directly engage with the petroleum retailer community for redressal of their genuine grievances.