

J&K Yuva Kabaddi team selection from today



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JAMMU: The four-day selection process for the J&K Yuva Kabaddi team for the Yuva Kabaddi Series Monsoon Session 2015 in under-23 age group shall start at Polo

Ground Indoor Stadium, Srinagar in Kashmir from August 18. The Yuva Kabaddi Series will be held at Srinagar from September 8 to 24. This was stated by General Secretary of the

J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association, Dr Kuldeep Kumar Gupta. "The trials for J&K Yuva Kabaddi team will be conducted from August 18 to August 21 for name J&K team for the professional

event, which is being held in support with J&K Sports Council," said Dr Gupta. The selection of probable shall be followed by the coaching camp at the same venue from August 24 to

August five. The selection committee included MS Baba (NIS Coach), Fazal Hussain (India camper), Ankush Chib (India camper), Mohd. Yakoob, Arshid Ahmed (fitness trainer).

Arshiya wins U-13 girls UT Chess event

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JAMMU: Arshiya won the girls Under-13 Chess title in the J&K UT Chess Championship being organised by All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) and sponsored by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) at Nek Hotel, here on Sunday.



Chess matches in progress at Jammu.

Fatima Zoha got second and Shifa Sazad finished third. Top four players in this under-13 age category shall represent J&K in the upcoming Nationals, a handout issued here today informed. The Neomika is the fourth qualified player in this age group. Important to mention here that top selected players from both Kashmir and Jammu divisions are taking part in this UT championship.

Meanwhile, Pazhany Kohli, Sumit Grover, SP Sharma and Aarav Gupta took initial lead in senior group competition being held at the same venue. Total 30 top players, including selected 10 players from Jammu and equal number from Kashmir Division besides four seeded and six

wild card entry are playing in this seven-round event. Top four shall represent J&K UT in forthcoming Senior National. The event is played under Swiss system. The technical penal for the event comprised Bindu Pathana (chief arbiter), Stuti Gupta and Ritish (arbiters). J&K Taekwondo meet to begin today. JAMMU: Two-day J&K UT Taekwondo Championship, organised by Taekwondo Association of J&K, shall take place at Gurudwara Hall, Rani Talab, Digiana, here from tomorrow. The competition shall be held in Kyorugi (sparring) and Poomsae (forms) categories under the guidance of qualified technical individuals, a handout issued here today informed. Those best players in different weight categories in this event shall represent J&K in the 4th National Sub-Junior and Senior Taekwondo Championships to be held at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Cuttack, Odisha, the handout added. The event also aims to encourage youth participation in sports, promote fitness, and instill values of discipline, respect, and sportsmanship.

Khelo India City Women's League held



Medal winners of Khelo India City Women's League posing with officials.

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JAMMU: Judo Association of J&K on Sunday organised day-long Khelo India City Women's League at Pargo Memorial Shiksha Kendra, Gurha Manhasan, here involving young participants. The event took place under the banner of Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Judo Federation of India (JFI) involving around 100 female Judokas in Sub Junior, Junior, Cadet and Senior groups, a handout issued here today informed. Ajay Singh, chairman of the host institution was

the chief guest, who presented medals and certificates to those medal winners and participants. Social activist, Anuradha and general secretary of Judo Association of J&K, Suraj Sharma were guests of honour. The bouts officiated by Manish Chatwal, Judo Instructor. Prominent among others present were Satish Singh, Raman, Anu, Anshika and Sunakshi Devi. The Medal Winners: GOLD: Sharuti, Shabnam, Aruhi, Aarahi, Anshika, Mahi, Pari, Sawara, Sunalika, Mahika, Muskan, Mehak,

Sunakshi, Vishali, Arya, Shreya, Monika, Pinky, Mansi, Kritika, Sagun, Shilpa Rajput, Samreeti, Vertika and Khushi. SILVER: Sargun, Ruhi, Mahita, Mahi, Sarika, Kavya, Akshita, Ritika, Mehak, Raghavi, Rashi, Aarvi, Rakhi Kumari, Mehima, Muskan, Shalu, Nihar, Kritika, Niharika, Nandni, Sumakha, Khushi, Partiba. BRONZE: Kanika, Mashika, Shagun, Mehak, Mahvish, Ruhi, Suhani, Ruhi, Madhu, Lakshita, Ridhima, Sunita, Chandni, Gunjan, Sonakshi, Vanshika, Nitika, Surbhi, Ashmita, Banika.

3rd Open Kashmir Rope Skipping Championship concludes

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PAHALGAM: The scenic town of Pahalgam came alive with energy and enthusiasm as the 3rd Edition of the Open Kashmir Rope Skipping Championship concluded today. The two-day sporting extravaganza drew participation from over 130 athlete skippers across the Kashmir Valley, who showcased remarkable agility, stamina, and skill. In the overall results, R. P. School, Lawaypora emerged as the champions, while Alpha Public Secondary School, Batapora, and Delhi Public Montessori School, Gasoo secured the second and third



positions respectively. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Vilayat Hussain, President of the Rope Skipping Association of J&K (RSAJK), alongside Physical Education teachers of the participating institutions. Medals and certificates were distributed to the winners amid applause and celebrations. The event was organized by the Rope Skipping Association of J&K under the aegis of the Indian Rope Skipping Federation (IRSF). Significantly, several skippers who delivered exceptional performances have also earned a place to represent J&K in the upcoming North Zone Rope Skipping Championship in Punjab. The championship not only provided a platform for young athletes to display their talent but also highlighted rope skipping as an emerging competitive sport in the region.

Wushu selection process for Asian Games to begin on August 22

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JAMMU: The Wushu Association of India (WAI) shall hold selection process for the prestigious 20th Asian Games at two different venues, following different schedules, in North East and North India from August 22. The Asian Games are being hosted by Japan between September 19 and October four 2026. During these trials, the WAI shall shortlist eight athletes in Sanda and four others in Taolu to start advance preparations. While the preliminary wushu selection trials in North India shall take place at Srinagar (SKISC) in J&K between August 22 and August 24 in Sanda (combat), the North Eastern state of Manipur shall hold similar trials in Taolu events at Imphal between August 25 and August 27. Following the trials, the WAI, in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India (SAI), shall organise Ranking Tournaments every two months for the shortlisted athletes until the submission of the final entry by name in June 2026. To ensure the best possible preparation, foreign exposure training and international competitions

will also be arranged between the ranking events. Athletes securing top rankings will be given priority for these exposures in view of the Asian Games. However, part of the preparations, a National Wushu Coaching Camp, supported by SAI will commence from October 2025 and continue till the participation. "The first foreign exposure training camp is scheduled for 45 days in November 2025, followed by further exposure trips in February, May, and August 2026, ensuring continuous high-level preparation," informed chief coach of India (Wushu), Kuldeep Handoo. It is noteworthy that the WAI has consistently brought laurels to the nation in the Asian Games, winning a total of 10 medals (two Silver and eight Bronze) since 2006. Schedule for the trial at Srinagar: Weigh-in and Physical Tests for participating athletes will be conducted on August 22, followed by the bouts on August 22 and August 23. Earlier, the WAI, in collaboration with SAI and J&K Sports Council (JKSC), successfully organised a 60-day National Wushu Coaching Camp at SKISC Srinagar in preparation for the 19th edition of the Asian Games.

Eleven Friends Kangan wins Martyrs Police Premier League T-20 trophy

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GANDERBAL: As part of the Civic Action Programme (CAP) 2025, Martyrs Police Premier League T-20 Cricket Tournament organised by Ganderbal police concludes at Sheikh-ul-Aalam Stadium Kangan. The tournament was organized in the loving memory of J&K Police Martyrs who laid down their lives in the line of duty, safeguarding peace and harmony in the region. The grand finale witnessed a thrilling contest between Shining Star Managam Chattergul and Eleven Friends Kangan, with cricket enthusiasts filling the stands to cheer for their



teams. After an electrifying clash, Eleven Friends Kangan emerged victorious, lifting the prestigious championship trophy amid loud applause and celebrations. The event providing a platform for the youth to showcase their sporting talent and passion for cricket and not only served as a sporting spectacle but also as a bridge to strengthen the bond between Police and the community, encouraging positive engagement among the youth. Martyrs Police Premier League is a humble tribute

to the supreme sacrifices of J&K Police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty and emphasized the sports activities under the Civic Action Program are aimed at channelizing the energy of youth in the right direction, promoting harmony, discipline, and a healthy lifestyle. The winner and runner-up teams were felicitated with trophies, Sports Kit and Uniform, and Cash rewards amid thunderous applause. The concluding ceremony was marked by vibrant enthusiasm, and the reaffirmation of J&K Police's commitment to nurturing young talent while remembering the valour of the martyrs.

Ton-up Yash Dhull leads Central Delhi Kings to win against North Delhi Strikers

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NEW DELHI: Yash Dhull smashed a scintillating century to guide Central Delhi Kings to 15-run victory over North Delhi Strikers in a rain-curtailed Delhi Premier League (DPL) match here. After Dhull's century helped the Kings to set a mammoth 198-run target in the game which was reduced to 16 overs per side, the Strikers got off to a brilliant start on Saturday. Openers Sarthak Ranjan (52 off 26) and Arnab Bugga (43 off 13) stitched an 85-run partnership inside five overs before the latter departed after smashing five fours and three sixes.

However, as the innings progressed, Central Delhi Kings fought back, making timely breakthroughs and slowing down the momentum. Key wickets at crucial junctures, including the dismissals of Sarthak Ranjan, Yajas Sharma, Yash Dabas, and Vaibhav Kandpal halted the charge. Despite their aggressive approach and brief partnerships, the Strikers fell short as the disciplined bowling attack of Central Delhi Kings held their nerve in the second half of the chase to restrict the Strikers to 182/9 in 16 overs. The Kings' bowlers, particularly Jonty Sidhu,

inings, as he supported Dhull's dominating display by maintaining a brisk scoring rate throughout the innings. For the Strikers, Harshit Rana was the pick of the bowlers as he bagged three wickets and gave away just 35 runs in his four overs. Arjun Rapria took a hat-trick but proved to be costly as he conceded 30 runs in two overs. Brief Scores: Central Delhi Kings 197/7 in 16 overs (Yash Dhull 101, Yugal Saini 63 ; Arjun Rapria 3/30) North Delhi Strikers 182/9 in 16 overs (Sarthak Ranjan: 52, Arnab Bugga 43; Tejas Baroka 2/3).

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Dr Vece Paes laid to rest as Ganguly, Tirkey join mourners in funeral procession

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KOLKATA: Dr. Vece Paes, an Olympic bronze medalist and pioneering sports medicine expert, was laid to rest here on Sunday as former India cricket captain Sourav Ganguly and Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey joined scores of mourners in his funeral procession. In a poignant moment, young players lined up on either side of the road and raised their sticks to pay their last respects while his hearse made its way into the Maidan tent. Officials of Hockey Bengal, the oldest association for the sport in the country, were also present. His son Leander Paes was inconsolable, even as Ganguly joined some officials in comforting the tennis legend by placing his arms around him and offering words of support in his hour of grief. The mass was held at St Thomas' Church, Middleton Row. Among those present were former India cricketer Arun Lal and Trinamool Congress leader

Derek O'Brien, who joined the bereaved family, friends and members of the sporting fraternity in bidding farewell to the player who was part of the Indian team that won the bronze medal at the 1972 Olympics. The funeral services were followed by the interment at the Lower Circular Road Cemetery on AJC Bose Road. At the graveside, flowers were laid and candles lit, creating an atmosphere that was filled with emotion. His final journey began with a stop at the Hockey Bengal tent where Tirkey was present to pay his last tributes. Flags of his former club East Bengal, from where he started his journey, and Mohun Bagan, with whom he won nine Beighton Cup titles, and Hockey Bengal were draped over the coffin. City-based industrialist Noomi Mehta, who had once played rugby alongside Paes at the Calcutta Cricket and Football Club, was also seen consoling

the tennis legend. Paes, who died on Thursday at the age of 80 due to age-related illness and Parkinson's disease, was remembered as an all-round sportsman -- a midfielder in hockey, a rugby international, and an eminent sports medicine expert in the country. Tirkey described Paes as an incredible figure who has contributed immensely as a player as well as sports medicine specialist. "Dr. Paes' absence will always remain in the hearts of sports fans, sports fraternities, and many other hockey players. As a player, as a doctor, he has supported the players a lot," Tirkey told PTI Videos. "During the camp, he used to stay with the team, take care of the players, treat them, for many years, free of cost. "As far as I am concerned, personally I saw him from close quarters during the Athens Olympics in 2004," he recalled. Tirkey hailed Paes' contribution to Indian sport

and for playing a pioneering role in bringing scientific methods into player management. "Today we are talking about sports science, and how players can advance in sports through this. "But doctor have brought this in many years ago, and used to pay attention to this. Today, you are seeing the result of this." "In Indian sports, for the first time, we saw from one family, father and son winning Olympic medals - Dr. Paes in hockey and then Leander in tennis. His mother was also the Indian basketball team captain. So it was a complete sports family." Paes also served as the president of the Indian Rugby Football Union from 1996 to 2002. "Dr. Paes absence will always be there. And we will never forget his contribution to hockey and the players and sports in general," Tirkey added. After retiring as a player, Paes devoted himself full-time to sports medicine, serving as consultant with the BCCI, Asian Cricket

Odisha begin junior hockey national with win, UP, Punjab also log victories

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JALANDHAR: Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana secured victories in division A of the junior men's national hockey championship while Chandigarh and Delhi earned promotion to division A, here Sunday. In the first division A fixture of the day, Odisha came back from a goal deficit to edge past Karnataka 2-1. Nitesh Sharma (37') scored the opening goal for Karnataka but Ritik Lakra (50') and Aryan Xess (51') scored in the final quarter to help Odisha bag three points in their first match of the tournament. Haryana registered a dominant 5-0 victory over Manipur in Pool C. Sunil (15'), Chirag

(27'), Navraj Singh (50'), Rahul (56') and Ansh Kamboj (59') were the goalscorers for Haryana. Uttar Pradesh blanked Jharkhand 2-0 in Pool B. Ujjwal Pal (26') scored from a penalty corner in the second quarter followed by a field goal from Satyam Pandey (32') in the third quarter to seal the win for UP. Punjab enjoyed a 3-2 win over Madhya Pradesh in Pool A. Om Rajnesh Saini (3'), Lovenoor Singh (14') and Japnit Singh (41') scored goals for Punjab. Mohd Anas (19') and Sohil Ali (39') scored the two goals for MP. Chandigarh and Delhi won in Pool A and Pool B respectively to earn promotion to division 'A' for the next year.

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Alyssa Healy's 137 powers Australia A to consolatory win over India A in final Women's ODI

AGENCY
BRISBANE: Star wicketkeeper-batter Alyssa Healy blazed away to an unbeaten 137 as Australia A picked up consolatory nine-wicket win in the inconsequential third women's ODI against India A here on Sunday. India had already sealed the three-match series 2-0 after a two-wicket win in the second game on Friday, having also edged the opener by three wickets. Opting to bat first, India rode on opener Shafali Verma's 52 and wicketkeeper Yastika Bhatia's 54-ball 42 to post 216 before being bowled out in 47.4 overs. Australia A skipper Tahlia McGraith was the pick of the bowlers with 3/49 in eight overs. Chasing 217, the spotlight belonged to Healy (137

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to Radha Yadav. Earlier, Shafali was at her free-flowing best, striking a polished half-century studded with seven boundaries while Nandini Kashyap (28) played the supporting role. The duo gave India a steady start, adding 86 for the opening wicket. But the introduction of McGraith turned the tide as she removed Shafali to spark a collapse that saw Kashyap and Tejal Hasabnis (1) depart in quick succession, leaving India wobbling at 89/3. Though Yastika held the innings together with support from Raghvi Bisht (18) and Tanushree Sarkar (17), McGraith returned to break the resistance, having Yastika caught by Healy as India slumped again, eventually folding for a below-par total.