

# LG inaugurates Auditorium Block of Shopian College; lays foundation stone of 3 bridges, 7 PMGSY-III roads

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SHOPIAN: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on his visit to Shopian on Sunday inaugurated Auditorium Block of Government Degree College worth Rs 6 crore and laid foundation stone of various infrastructural projects including roads and bridges.

The Lt Governor laid the foundation stone for three bridges including the Badin Marg Bridge (Narwani-Badin Marg road) costing Rs 2.89 crore, the bridge at Nildora (Nildora-Herman road) at a cost of Rs 2.37 crore, and a bridge at Alam Ganj (Habidipora-Kadder road) worth Rs 2.37 crore, addressing the long pending demands of local populace. The completion of these bridges will bring a new dawn of

### SR College conducts JKAS Mains Test Series

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: SR College has started a test series for the aspirants preparing for the forthcoming 2022 JKAS Combined Competitive Examination starting from 21st of November conducted by the JKPSCL in the college at Gandhi Nagar. SR College of Competitions has been guiding aspirants since the year 2000 and a number of students coached by the college have made their entry into the various prestigious services like IAS, IPS, IRS, IFoS, JKAS, JKPSCL, KCS and many other national and state level services. The test series for Mains 2022 comprises 10 sectional and 04 full mock tests of General Studies and 4 sectional and 2 full length tests for each Optional. The students are also being provided with model answers and doubt clearing sessions wherever required. "The response for the test series was very encouraging and the tests are scheduled every Sunday and Wednesday. Further Full Mock Tests at the end will help the aspirants in getting their preparation assessed and evaluated," said Supriya Raina, Office Coordinator.

## BSS J&K organizes 32th State Sports Athletics Meet Bhadarwah Zone wins overall championship trophy

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KATHUA: Bhartiya Shiksha Samiti J&K organized its 32th State Sports Athletics Meet in Sports Stadium Hirangan in which 174 athletes from 13 schools of zone Kishtwar (Hidayat Palmar & Devrathakr), Bhaderwah, Ramban, Udhampur, Reasi, Katra, Hiranagar (Kathua), Billawar, Treta Nagrota (Basohli), Dangri (Rajouri) and Dashmesh Nagar Jammu zone participated.

SSP, Commandant IRP 19th BN, Benam Tosh was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Other present were Vijay Kumar Sharma Sr. Advocate President Municipal Committee Hirangan, Hari Bhushan (General Secretary), Pradeep Kumar, Kanheya Pratap (Sangathan Mantri), Javed Dada Seva Pramukh Seva Bharti Uttar Kshetra, Daljit Singh DySP (National Sports Man Weight Lifting) Dr. Indu Bhushan, Dr. Naresh Sharma, Sarv Dhaman, Kashi Nath

## Arun attends AIFF's maiden Technical Committee meet

## STATE TIMES NEWS

KOLKATA: Arun Malhotra of Jammu on Sunday attended the maiden meeting of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) Technical Committee at Salt Lake, here. The meeting was chaired by former India captain and Arjuna Awardee, IL Vijayan and at attended by Deputy Chairperson, Manoranjan Bhattacharya, secretary general, Dr. Shaji Prabhakaran, deputy secretary general, Sunando Dhar, Arun Malhotra, Climax Lawrence, Pinki Bompal, Harjinder Singh and Eugeneson Lyngdoh. The Committee discussed a number of issues pertaining to the National teams and their performances under Head Coach, Igor Stimac. The Senior Women's National team's performance in the SAFF Championship also came up for discussion. Meanwhile, earlier, during the day, the members along with Vice President, N.A. Haris and secretary general, Dr. Shaji Prabhakaran inspected the National Centre of Excellence in Kolkata.



Arun Malhotra of Jammu attending meeting of AIFF.



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurating Auditorium Block of Government Degree College Shopian.

development in these areas which have remained deprived due to absence of better road connectivity, the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor also laid foundation stone for seven road projects sanctioned under PMGSY-III covering a length of 56.33 km at a cost of Rs 70.28 crore including the Pinjora Khan to Sofanaman road, Chowgama Sedow Aharbal road, Pudsoo to Kapren Causway Bradipora Zaipora Mantribugh Nildang road, Mohanpora Imam Sahab

Alamguri road, Sugan Chitragam-Zainapora road via Reban, Drangnud to Keller Block Boundary and Devpora to Heerpora road.

This development journey of JK will end decades-old discriminations and social inequities and fulfil the dreams and aspirations of people that were left unattended, said the Lt Governor. Last year, 2008 projects were completed in Shopian under the District Capex. This year, Rs 531 crore has been allocated to Shopian

for development projects under District Capex and we have set a target of completing 1594 projects, he added.

The Mission Youth has started special programmes of coaching for civil services and other competitive examinations. Mission Youth is constructing two indoor stadiums in Shopian, one each at Keller and Herman, for nurturing the young sporting talents," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor congratulated the district administration for 100% digitization of Jamabandies in Shopian and becoming the first district of UT to achieve this feat.

The Lt Governor asked the youth to follow the footsteps of Hafiz Parvez Lone from Shopian who secured the All India 10th Rank in NEET-UG-2022 and made the UT

proud. He also made a special mention of Shahid Ahmed, whose suggestions for ensuring training for apple growers has been incorporated into the policies of the Horticulture Department. Later, the Lt Governor interacted with the delegation of PRIs and public representatives and took stock of their issues and demands.

Bilquees Jan, DDC Chairperson, Shopian; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Abdul Jabbar, DIG; Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, CEO Mission Youth; Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Shopian; PRI members, senior officials of civil administration and police department and large number of people attended the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony.

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## 2-day Indoor Rowing Championship concludes

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: The two-day 2nd District Bandipora Indoor Rowing Championship concluded on Sunday at Govt. Higher Secondary School Aragam Bandipora.

The Championship was organised by Bandipora Rowing and Sculling Association under the aegis of J&K Rowing and Sculling Association in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora under SVEEP action programme.

Chief Education Officer Bandipora Gh Mohammad Lone was chief Guest on the occasion.

Padma Shri Awardee Faisal Ali Dar and National Coach of Water Sports Bilquees Mir were also present on the occasion.

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CEO Bandipora Gh Mohammad Lone posing with winners.

Bandipora participated in this championship.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest applauded efforts of District Association and Govt. Higher Secondary Aragam for organising the Championship successfully.

Bilquees Mir, National Coach of water sports in her speech said that the championship is aimed to boost this type of sports. She said youth of these areas have natural stamina because the advantage of high altitude, he added.

Later, felicitation ceremony was also held during which medals were distributed among the participants.

open to any suggestions and collaborations to reach every athlete of the union territory, " she added.

Udaybaskar Billa, DIG North Kashmir, Col Prateek Sharma Commanding Officer 46RR Baramulla, along with Senior Superintendent of Police Baramulla, Rais Ahmad Bhat and Ajaz Abdullah Saraf ADC were guests of honour. The others present on the occasion included Tawseef Raina Chairman Municipal Corporation Baramulla, Abdul Khalid and Omar Kakroo Sports Promoter besides Abdul Majed Manager Baramulla, eminent citizens, officers and officials from other government departments.

The district Baramulla Taekwondo Championship organized by the district unit of J&K Taekwondo Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council was also inaugurated by the Secretary Sports Council in the new Indoor Sports Complex Khawaja Bagh Baramulla.

## Sports activities keep Sunday busy

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A chess championship under J&K Sports Council's special initiative My Youth My Pride commenced in the Indoor Complex of M.A Stadium here on Sunday.

More than 50 registered chess players of different age groups, including girls, as well as boys from the Jammu district, are participating in the event which shall conclude tomorrow.

Ashutosh Jamwal and Arbindu Sharma are monitoring and officiating the event as match referees.

Meanwhile, a day and night Kabaddi tournament organized by JKPSCL started in Guraia Salathia. The event is being organized in association with the Guiding and Counselling Cell for Development of Youth Salathia in the sports stadium Guraia Salathia.

Around 80 players fielded in six teams are taking part in the event. The final of the tournament is scheduled to be played later today between Garh Mandi and Andrad Mandi.

The experienced districts

level teams of sports council officials have been assigned the task to tap and groom the talent for the purposeful conduct of the sports bonanza.

Ashok Singh, Divisional Sports Officer Jammu besides S.P. Singh Manager MA Stadium, Satish Gupta Manager Indoor Sports Complex, Randhir Singh Cricket Coach and Dalbir Singh along with scores of parents and guests were also present on the occasion.

The players and locals of the area expressed their gratitude to the J&K Government and Sports Council for providing the

Kabaddi mats in the stadium. Meanwhile, the final of 4th Edition Varmul Cup was played in Jhelum Stadium Baramulla today. The event was organized by Baramulla Cricket Forum in coordination with JKPSCL.

The final match of the tournament was played between Sultan Warriors Baramulla and Baramulla Gymkhana which was won by the former by two wickets. A large number of spectators

gathered at the venue to witness the event live as many prominent faces of cricket in the district were locking horns with each other.

Additional Director General of Police Vijay Kumar presided over the function as the chief guest. While speaking on the occasion, the chief guest said that J&K Police in association with JKPSCL will soon organize a North Kashmir Sports Carnival for the youth.

Nuzhat Gull Secretary Sports Council who was guest of honour on the occasion said that My Youth My Pride sports initiative is a multi-pronged programme. While on one hand it is tapping the talent but simultaneously it is aimed to keep youth away from falling prey to drug menace. "Sports Council is

## Media Cricket Club Jammu enters Friendship Cup T20 finals

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Media Cricket Club Jammu stormed into finals of Friendship Cup T20 Cricket Tournament by defeating Sharika Cricket Club by 69 runs at MA Stadium Jammu.

Earlier, Vinay Koul, Captain of Sharika Cricket Club, won the toss and elected to bowl first and his decision seems right as in form batsman Amit Kumar was caught out in 3rd over off the bowling of Kanwalpreet Singh.

But Vishal & Raghav steadied the innings of Media Cricket Club & both shared a valuable partnership of 61 runs before Raghav was out at his individual score of 25 runs.

Vishal played a sheet anchor role and scored a brilliant fifty and he along with Pawan gave finishing touches to innings with a quick fire partnership of 75 runs in just 50 balls.

MCC scored 154 runs in stipulated 20 overs. Vishal



Winner Media Cricket Club team posing for a photograph at Jammu on Sunday.

scored 66 and Pawan remained unbeaten on 23 runs. For Sharika Cricket Club, Arvind Bhat took two wickets while Rajeev Pandita & Kanwalpreet Singh grabbed one wicket each.

Chasing a good target of 155 runs in 20 overs to seal berth in finals, openers of Sharika CC started on an aggressive note. Anil Bushan played some delectable boundaries but he was caught by Rahul Khatri on the bowling of Rupesh. Kanwalpreet Singh too started on a blistering note & dispatched bowls outside the boundary ropes

many times. Sharika CC seems to be on driving seat in initial run chase as they were 40 runs in 4 overs. But an intelligent bowling change by Captain Vivek Suri of Media Cricket Club by introducing Raghav paid dividends as he cleaned bowled danger looking Kanwalpreet & Arvind Bhat in consecutive deliveries. Sharika CC could not recovered from that position and wickets kept on tumbling on regular intervals & they were all out for 85 runs in 14.2 overs.

Kanwalpreet scored 22 and Ankur contributed 21 runs for the team. For Media Cricket Club, Rahul Khatri and Raghav claimed 3 wickets each while Vivek Suri, Rupesh and Ashish got one wicket each.

Raghav was declared Man of the Match for his all round performance.

Media Cricket Club Jammu will lock horns with Anti Corruption Bureau Jammu for the coveted trophy that will be played under lights at MA Stadium Jammu tomorrow.

The tournament is being organised by Media Cricket Club Jammu in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council under My Youth My Pride campaign.

## J&K Carrom meet from Sept 28

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two-day J&K Carrom Championship being organised by J&K Carrom Association shall take place at Multipurpose Sports Complex, Polo Ground, here from September 28.

As per a handout issued here today, the event is being held in collaboration with Decathlon Sports India. The competition shall take place in Cadets, Sub Junior, Junior and Senior Categories.

Those eligible players are advised to send their list of players on email jkcarrom@gmail.com on or before September 27. For further queries, players can contact Arif Sultan Khan (990676529) or Adil Shah (9070000093).

## Sunil's all-round performance helps Media XI CC trounce Jain Bazaar XI



Winner Media XI Cricket Club posing for a photograph at Jammu on Sunday.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An all round performance by Sunil Thappa, equally supported by Faheem Tak and Sachin helped Media XI Cricket Club to register a convincing win over Jain Bazaar Cricket Club.

Winning the toss, Media XI CC led by Captain Yash Khajuria decided to bat first. Pacers of Jain Bazaar CC made it quite difficult with the top order of the Media XI CC to

stand on the pitch, resulting in loss of three wickets during Power play. However, Sunil Thappa (25) and Faheem Tak (30) held the nerves and took the score to the total of 133 runs, with the prime contribution of Sachin (42). For Jain Bazaar CC, Ubaid and Pukh clinched 3 and 2 wickets each, respectively. While chasing the target, Jain Bazaar CC had a modest beginning with a meagre 17 runs on board at the loss

of 5 wickets. Arun and Yash Khajuria claimed 3 wickets each, whereas rest of the damage was done by Sunil Thappa and Dev Thakur to contain Jain Bazaar CC at 122 runs on the board. Sunil Thappa for his overall performance was adjudged as Man of the Match.

The match was played under 'War Against Drugs Campaign' by Media XI Cricket Club Jammu to keep youth engaged in sports and say no to drugs.

## Provincial Level Inter-District competition in Tug of War for boys commences

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SHOPIAN: Department of Youth Services & Sports District Shopian on Sunday held inaugural function of Inter-District Provincial level competition in Tug of War for Boys under All Age Group for the year 2022-23.

The function was attended by the DDC Members, Chief Education Officer Shopian and District Youth Services & Sports Officer Shopian. In the competition, teams from 09 districts of Kashmir Division are participating which includes 270 student players representing their concerned districts.

During the Inaugural Speech, DYSSO Shopian, Noor Ul Haq laid emphasis on the overall development of personality which is possible only when one attains the physical development. He thanked the higher ups of the department for organising such tournaments at the time of need. He also insisted upon student players to be careful and not fall prey to drug abuse.

He also made them aware about the government initiatives to curb the alarming drug abuse under the banner of Nasha Mukht Abhiyan. All the participating student players and officials took a pledge to desist from the drug abuse. Chief Education Officer Shopian, Mohammad Mushtaq also advised the students to do their best in the competitions and enjoined upon all to get involved in the sports for overall development of their personalities.

The Championship was declared open by the Chief Education Officer Shopian, and shall conclude on September 22, 2022.

At the end of the inaugural ceremony Noor ul Haq, District Youth Services and Sports officer delivered Vote of thanks and presented Momentos to the Guests.