

Legend Masters Inter-state Veteran T20 Cricket C'ship

# Veterans Cricket Association J&K, Vidharbh Veterans win opening ties



Participating teams posing for photograph with Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA and other dignitaries.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Veterans Cricket Association J&K and Vidharbh Veterans won the opening matches of Legend Masters Inter-state Veteran T20 Cricket Championship being organised by Veteran Cricket Association J&K under the aegis of Board for Veteran Cricket in India, here on Thursday.

In first match of the day, Vidharbh Veterans beat Board President Veterans Mumbai by 81 runs.

Vidharbh Veterans captain Abhishek Choudhary won

the toss and elected to bat first. Vidharbh Veterans scored 115 runs in 20 overs. Vikram Batra and Rahul Thakur scored 45 and 27 runs respectively. From Board President Veterans Mumbai, Ravirraj claimed four wickets while Subodh took three.

Chasing a target, Board President Veterans Mumbai was bundled out for 34 runs. Mangeesh, Kranti and Preshit grabbed two wickets each while Rishi, Manish and Prashant took one wicket each for Vidharbh Veterans.

In another match, host Veterans Cricket Association J&K (VCAJK) crushed IFCR Veterans North by 98 runs.

Vivek Suri, Captain of VCAJK, won the toss and elected to bat first. VCAJK scored 160 runs in stipulated 20 overs. Rajesh Salhotra with (31), Amit Kumar (23) and Sunil Bali (18) runs were the main scorers. For IFCR North Veterans, Harh claimed three wickets while Surrender took two.

Chasing a daunting total,

IFCR North Veterans were all out on 62 runs. Suresh and Jameel scored 20 and 14 runs respectively.

For VCAJK, Vicky Raina and Rajesh took two wickets each while Vivek Suri, Sunil Jalla and Imran bagged one wicket each. Rajesh Salhotra was declared Man of the Match for his brilliant performance.

Earlier, the championship was inaugurated by Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration J&K Cricket Association in presence of Mohd Haneef, Chief Sports

Officer, J&K Sports Council, Ashish Singh, President, K S Jamwal, Senior Vice President and Vivek Suri General Secretary, Veteran Cricket Association J&K.

The tournament is being sponsored by Horizon Group, Emcure, Batra Group, AA Agencies and is being driven by AM Hyundai.

Brig. Anil Gupta appreciated the efforts of Veteran Cricket Association J&K for organizing such a tournament in City of Temples in which teams from Board President Veterans Mumbai, Vidharbh Veterans, IFCR North and team of Veteran Cricket Association J&K is participating.

He added that such interstate tournaments will promote culture of veteran tournaments in Jammu.

Haneef, while interacting with senior players of different teams, said that Sports Council is always ready to support such tournaments in future too.

# 26th J&K UT Senior Taekwondo Championship concludes



Winner taekwondo players posing with dignitaries and officials at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: The closing ceremony of the 26th J&K UT Senior Taekwondo Championship was held on Thursday at Dogra Brahmin Pratidinhi Sabha, Parade, here.

The Championship was organised by J&K Taekwondo Association headed Subash Chandra Sharma (General Secretary JKTA) under the aegis of Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI) and supported by J&K Sports Council.

In the closing ceremony,

Subash Shastri (President NMC) was the Chief Guest, who congratulated the organisers and all the medalists and participants for taking part in the championship. He also applauded the J&K Taekwondo Association for uplifting the taekwondo sport in the UT.

The event was designed for the selection of upcoming 39th national senior kyorugi taekwondo championships 2023 and 12th national senior poomsae taekwondo championships

2023 to be held from September 9 to 11, 2023 at Karambir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi A.C. Indoor Stadium, Sarusajai Sports Complex, Sarusajai, Guwahati, Assam.

Chandeep Singh (World Para Taekwondo Champion/ International Taekwondo player) appointed observer by J&K Taekwondo Association for the above mentioned event.

District Jammu emerged the winner team trophy, District Srinagar bagged runner up trophy.

## Director YS&S inaugurates District Level Volleyball Tourney



Director YSS J&K, Subash Chhibber presenting certificate.

■ STATE TIEMS NEWS

SRINAGAR: Director Youth Services & Sports (YS&S) J&K, Subash C Chhibber on Thursday inaugurated Inter School District Level Volleyball competitions at Sports Complex Wazir Bagh here.

Student players of different Government and Private schools of Srinagar District are participating in the tournament.

Director YSS expressed his good wishes with the participants and hoped that they would put-in their best efforts in displaying a professional game.

"For students, sports are a proven powerful tool for character building and overall development. Sports play an essential role in the development and character-building of students. Beyond just physical fitness, sports offer numerous mental and emotional benefits that can shape a student's personality and life skills" he further said.

Joint Director Kashmir Waseem Raja and District Youth Services and Sports Officer Srinagar, Gh Hassan Lone were present at the event.

Some dedicated employees of the Department were also felicitated in the inaugural function.

## Rich Harvest celebrates Raksha Bandhan



Girls tying Rakhis on the wrists of boys at RHS Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Raksha Bandhan-the bond of love between brothers and sisters was celebrated at Rich Harvest School with zeal and vigour.

In a special assembly, students danced, sang songs and highlighted the historical significance of the festival through role plays and speeches.

A Rakhi Making competition was organised by the school. Students displayed their artistic talents and made various colourful

Rakhis that exhibited their creative bent of mind. Inter-House Kite Flying Competition was cheered and applauded by the well wishers and staff. Students flew the beautifully decorated kites representing their houses and filled the sky with colours.

The Head of the Institute, Anita Bhatia congratulated the winners and encouraged them to continue participating in such activities to hone their skills and improve their confidence.

## Kathua Softball Championship begins

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: DDC Nagri, Kathua, Er. Sandeep Majotra on Thursday declared open the Kathua Softball Championship being organised by District Kathua Softball Association under the aegis of J&K Softball Association in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council at JK Public School, Kathua.

Chief Guest, Er. Sandeep highlighted the tremendous steps for development and promotion of sports in Jammu & Kashmir by the Government.

Besides this, he said involvement of young players in softball particular and other sports in general would shun the evils of drug menace which is spreading alarmingly nowadays.

The Chief Guest also lauded the efforts of organizers for conducting



Softball match in progress at Kathua on Thursday.

such events he also assured support from his end in future for the promotion of Softball Sport in Kathua.

In the two day championship more than 280 players are participating in Sub-Junior, Junior Boys & Girls and Senior Men & Women categories.

The championship is being organized under the supervision Arun Sharma. On first day, nine match-

es was played in different age groups.

Ajay Singh, Outstanding Softball Athlete, has been assigned the charge of Chief Tournament Director.

Technical Official who are supporting ongoing District Kathua Softball championship 2023 as Referees, Scorers consists of Sagar Chib, Pradeep Singh and Ayush Singh Jamwal.

## Rajouri Volleyball meet from Sept 13

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: District Rajouri Volleyball Association under the banner of volleyball association Jammu and Kashmir shall hold district championship, sponsored by J&K Sports Council (JKSC), at twin venues from September 13 to 15.

While the men's event shall take place at Sports Stadium, Rajouri, the women competition shall be held at High School Bagnoti.

Those interested teams have been advised to confirm their entries before September 11.

Teams may feel free to contact, Mohd Tariq, incharge Rajouri Volleyball Association (9419675061).

## Mansha Manhas of JVN Nardi Bala wins gold Navodaya National Athletic Meet



JVN Nardi Bala faculty felicitating winner Mansha Manhas.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Mansha Manhas of XIIth Standard of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JVN) Nardi Bala, Akhnoor, has bagged gold medal in Shotput in Under-19 girls category at Navodaya National Athletic Meet held at Sports Complex Nadiad, Khera, Gujarat from August 26 to

28, 2023. A contingent of 66 athletes participated in this sports event. Mansha Manhas was the only girl from Jammu and Kashmir to participate and bagged gold medal. Now she is going to participate in SGFI. Mansha Manhas has bought laurels to J&K state and to her school.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Third day of the University/College Level Sports Festival 2023 (Edition-2nd) sealed with amiable and charming team performances in all the disciplines.

A total of 41 matches with bursting thump have been professed today in all the 10 disciplines of the sports festival at GCOPE, Ganderbal.

In Football (men), CUK Ganderbal defeated GDC Bijbhara by 2-0, GDC Baramulla defeated Gandhi Memorial College by 1-0 and match between GCOPE and GDC Kangan was decided by penalty shoot-outs where the formal won by 4-3 goals.

In Volleyball (men), GCOPE Ganderbal defeated GDC Sumbal by 02 sets, GDC Anantnag defeated GDC Kupwara by 02 sets, GDC Ganderbal defeated

## University/College Level Sports Festival 2023 enters day 3



Volleyball teams posing for photograph with dignitaries at GCOPE, Ganderbal.

GDC Zainapora by 02 sets, GDC Bijbhara defeated GDC Baramulla by 02 sets, GDC Ganderbal defeated GDC Zainapora by 2-1, A S College defeated University of Kashmir by 2-1, Gandhi Memorial defeated GMC Baramulla by 2-1, GDC Sopore defeated SKUAST Wadwara by 2-1 and GDC Pulwama defeated CUK Ganderbal by 2-1.

In Handball (men), GDC Baramulla defeated GDC Sumbal by 14-8. In Basketball (men), GCOPE defeated GCET Safapora by 49-17 and GDC Baramulla defeated GDC Ganderbal by 35-16.

In Tug-of-War (men), GDC Tral defeated GDC Pulwama by 2-0, GDC Ganderbal defeated GDC Tangdhar by 2-0 and

GCOPE defeated CUK Ganderbal by 2-0.

In Volleyball (women), University of Kashmir defeated GDC Sumbal by 02 sets and GDC Ganderbal defeated GMC Baramulla by 2-0.

In Table-Tennis (women), GDC Pulwama defeated GDC Sumbal by 2-0, GDC Tangmarg defeated GDC Ganderbal by 2-0, GCET

Safapora defeated College of Education Srinagar by 2-1, and GCOPE defeated GDC Women's Pulwama by 2-0.

In Kho-Kho (women), GDC Ganderbal defeated GDC Hajin by 9 points and GCOPE defeated GDC Sumbal by 01 inning & 8 points. In Tug-of-War (women), GDC Kupwara defeated GDC Pampore by 2-0.

## KC International School inaugurates smart class for Superkids

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: KC International School celebrated the inauguration ceremony of Superkids' new theme based and air conditioned Smart Class.

Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Excise Commissioner, Jammu graced the occasion as Chief Guest and was welcomed by President KCIS Chaitanya Chowdhary, Principal KCIS Anupama Sinha, teachers and parents of Superkids.

The budding scientists from class Bloomings showcased their scientific temper by performing their experiments leaving everyone jawdropped.

The Superkids recited



Excise Commissioner Jammu, Pankaj Kumar Sharma lighting ceremonial lamp and inaugurating smart class at KCIS.

poems on the topic 'Save Earth, Save Life' to throw light on burning issue. The little children came forward confidently expressing their dream professions through

a ramp walk, urging parents to let them choose whatever they wish to be. The dignitaries felicitated the children for their superb performances.

Pankaj Kumar Sharma shared his life experiences stating how we should learn from situations and treat young minds.

Besides, he praised the

efforts of Pre-primary teachers and their little performers for putting up a great show. He added that updated and comfortable infrastructure is mandatory for better learning in today's time.

The chief guest praised the management of the school for the thoughtfully designed infrastructure of KC International School and upgrading Pre-Primary Section.

Principal KCIS, Anupama Sinha thanked the management and congratulated the KCites for the beautiful new class.

The vote of thanks was presented by Coordinator Pre-Primary Wing, Arti Raina.

## District Bandipora Volleyball Championship begins



Volleyball teams posing for photograph with dignitaries.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: Under the banner of Volleyball Association Jammu and Kashmir and sponsorship of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, District Bandipora Volleyball Association on Thursday

organised District Volleyball Championship at Nadihal, here.

A total of 13 teams across the district are participating in the Championship which was the chief guest, Padma Shri Faisal Ali Dar. He appreciated the efforts

of Volleyball Association towards the youth of remote areas.

In inaugural match, Ultimate Volleyball Club Shadipora outplayed Khnusa Volleyball Club by straight 2-0 (24-22, 26-24) sets in a tough contest.