Vidharbh Veterans lifts Legend Masters Inter-state Veteran T20 Cricket C'ship trophy

JAMMU: Vidharbh Veterans lifted the trophy of Legend Masters Inter-state Championship defeating Veteran Cricket Association J&K by 13

The championship was organised by Veteran Cricket Association J&K under the aegis of Board for Veteran Cricket in India.

In closing ceremony, Excise Commissioner J&K. Pankaj Sharma was the Chief Guest and Secretary Jammu Club, Gourav Gupta, Member J&K Sports Council, Rajiv Sharma President Veteran Cricket Association J&K, Ashish Singh and former Ranji Player of J&K, Deepak Baba were Guests of Honour.

The tournament was supported by Horizon Group, nament.



Excise Commissioner J&K, Pankaj Sharma presenting trophy to winner team.

Batra Group, Emcure and AA Agencies and driven by AM Hyundai.

Excise Commissioner J&K, while congratulated Vidharbh Veterans for their victory, appreciated the efforts of Veteran Cricket Association J&K in organizing such a wonderful tour-

Gourav Gupta said a new benchmark has been set in Veteran Cricket in J&K and credit goes to VCAJK for giving a platform to all veterans in India.

Rajiv Sharma added that J&K Sports Council is always there to support such tournaments and will give their support in future too.

Earlier. Abhishek Choudhary captain of Vidharbh Veterans won the toss and elected to bat first but some spirited bowling performances by Veteran Cricket Association J&K restricted Vidharbh Veterans to 124 runs loosing nine wickets in stipulated 20 overs. Sanjay scored 21 and

and Abhishek scored 20 runs each for their team. For VCAJK, Vicky Raina took four wickets, Surinder Kachroo claimed two and Faheem grabbed one wicket. Chasing the target, VCAJK kept loosing wickets on regular intervals, and scored 110 loosing nine wickets in 20 overs thereby lost the match by 13 runs. For Team VCAJK, Irfan Dar scored 24 and Sunil Bali made 15 runs. For Vidharbh Vmeterans, Shridhar, Kranti and Manish grabbed two wickets each whereas Vikram and Preshit took one wicket each. Vikram Batra was declared Man of the Match and Best Batsman, Abhishek Choudhary was declared Best Fielder and

Vicky Raina of VCAJK was

declared Best Bowler and

Player of the Series

Jammu District Yoga meet held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Organised by the Yoga Association of J&K, Jammu District Yogasana Sports Championship held under the aegis of J&K Olympic Association (JKOA) at Braham Kumari's Om Shanti Meditation Centre,

here on Sunday. Around 120 Yoga players both boys and girls of took part in this competition.

Earlier, the event was declared open Rajyogini BK Sudarshan Didi, who was the Chief Guest while BK Ravinder Bali was Guest of Honour.

The competition officiated by the technical panel including Mukesh Sharma, Aryaaveer Singh, Sonia Sharma, Sabita Sharma, Anushka Koul, Vanshika Arora and Veena

The Results:

BOYS: 8-10 yr: Shivansh Koushal (DBN Amarvilla), Ist; Mohammed Aamir (DPS), 2nd and Naksh Vohra (DBN Amarvilla),



3rd. 10-12 yrs: Honey Singh (DBN Amarvilla), Ist; Devyesh (DPS), 2nd and Arnav Singh (MHAC), 3rd. 12-14 yr: Banshu Sharma (MHAC), Ist; Varun Kumar (MHAC), Akhilesh Choudhary (MHAC). 14-16 vr: Krishna Choudharv (MHAC), Ist; Devank Sharma (MHAC), 2nd and Shaurya Bandral (MHAC). Surinder Rajput (DBN Amarvilla), Ist; Himanshu Verma (MHAC), 2nd and Dev Mehra (MHAC), 3rd.

GIRLS: 8-10 yr: Aradhaya Singh (MHAC),

Bhavya Ist; Sharma (DPS), 2nd and Dhriti Langeh(DPS). 10-12 yr: Sadhya Sharma (KC Public), Ist; Sakashi Kumari (DBN), 2nd and Ananya Kotwa (Sarvodhya). 12-14 yr: Kritika Sharma (MHAC), Ist; Aditi Chib (MHAC). 2nd and Triza Balal (SOS), 3rd. 14-16 yr: Rudrakshi Manhas (MHAC), Ist; Niharika Rajput (MHAC), 2nd and Aradhya Sharma (MHAC), 3rd. 16-18 yr: Sakshi Sharma (MHAC), Ist: Aditi (MHAC) and Shambhavi (KC Public).

Open Chess meet held



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JAMMU: Battle of Minds Open Chess Championship held at here on Sunday in two different categories open

While Sumit Grover won in the open category, Rithvik Gandotra secured first place in under-13 category in a close contest.

Atul Kumar Gupta, Joint

Secretary AICF, Baldev Raj, President All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) and SP Sharma, Advisor AJKCA presented the cash prizes and certificates of participation.

Arvindu Sharma conducted all the matches under Swiss system as per latest FIDE Laws of Chess.

Both the winners were presented with cash prizes worth Rs.3000 each. To encourage other young participants, the organisers declared Viraj Singh Jamwal and Ansh Bakshi winner of under-11 and under-19 categories

POONCH: Deputy Commander Brigade Poonch on Sunday declared open a badminton court, developed Municipal Council at Pritam Park,

Badminton court has Salaria, Councillor for those badminton enthusiasts of the town.

The opening set of an exhibition game played today was witnessed besides others by interna-

Poonch gets open Badminton court gathering of locals was

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Infantry Ward No. 4, here.

been developed by Imtiaz



Deputy Commander Infantry Brigade Poonch declaring open a badminton court.

Poonch, Saqlain Tariq.

guests were chairman of Volleyball Club Mohd Tariq Shaheed Manjit Singh and Pardeep Khanna. The

praise for the Councillor Imtiaz Salaria for initia-Prominent among others

present were Colonel J S Chadda; Rajinder Singh, Councillor; Parvinder Singh, Councillor; Moulana Sayeed Habib, Iftikar Bazmi, Nanna Gill, Balbir Singh, Munni Lal. Gul Mohd Charak. Mudassir Bhukhari, Gurcharan Singh, Sabar Hussain, Jyoti Kumar, Mohd Arif and Farooq

J&K Athletics Club Association celebrates Investiture Ceremony to honor club members

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JAMMU: J&K Athletics Club Association celebrated its Investiture Ceremony with fervour and enthusiasm on Sunday. The event marked a significant milestone as the club honoured its newly appointed Club Members.

The Investiture Ceremony is an annual tradition where deserving members are bestowed with leadership roles and responsibilities.

This prestigious event fosters a sense of responsibility. integrity, and dedication



J&K Athletics Club Association members at Investiture Ceremony

among the young leaders, preparing them for future challenges

Chairman, Langer delivered an inspiring speech, motivating the members to embrace their leadership roles with humility and vision.

He emphasized the significance of teamwork and innovation, urging the members to lead by example and inspire positive change in their Club and community.

The highlight of the ceremony was the appointments of the members including Sahil Sharma (President), Nitin Saini (Senior Vice President), Maninder Singh (Vice President), Jasmeena Chib (General Secretary) Vishali Sharma (Secretary), Imran Ahmad (Treasurer) and Parveen Singh, Ashwani Kant, Arjun Kumar, Sourav Vishal Chib, Bhubnesh Sharma and Aman Kumar (Executive Members).

The investiture ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the President, expressing gratitude to all those who contributed to making the event a resounding success. The entire Club Members united in the spirit of camaraderie

BCADD conducts two days coaching camp-cum-tournament

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DODA: Bhaderkashi Chess Association District Doda (BCADD) conducted two days coaching camp followed by tournament, which concluded on Sunday.

A total of 22 players of different age groups participated in the two days coaching camp which was inaugurated by Mukesha Aryan, Dugga Sarpanch Panchayat in presence of Namberdar Puran Chand Kotwal. Aryan assured full support to players of her Panchayat.

Bukhari pledges prosperity, development; assures



Participating chess players posing for photograph.

The coaching was conduct- Panchayat, Jalga Panchayat After the coaching an open ed for the players of Dugga and Chinchora Panchayat. tournament was conducted.

ANTF Jammu arrests four hardcore narcotic drug suppliers

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JAMMU: Under the Union Government's programme Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, Anti Narcotic Task Force (ANTF), Police Station Jammu Zone, has launched manhunt to arrest Narcotic drug suppliers who are involved in mischievous activities of Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

In multiple successful operations sleuths of ANTF raided in Jammu, Punjab, Kashmir and Delhi, wherein four hardcore narcotics drug suppliers have been arrested.

It is pertinent to mention here that recently ANTF has arrested one Ramprakash Gupta, son of Ved Prakash Gupta of Link Road, Jammu who is a notorious narcotic drug supplier of the UT.

Ramprakash Gupta revealed that he receives Narcotic and Psychotropic drugs from a Delhi based drug supplier Mohd Shakir, son of Mohd Aqil, resident of 7/6 Upper Ground Floor, Ansari Road, Sachdeva Lane, Daryaganj Central Delhi.

ANTF found links of these two drug suppliers during investigation and raided multiple locations in the NCR.

Finally, Mohd Shakir was arrested from Jama Masjid area, New Delhi after hectic efforts. The investigation and arrests are done by Inspector Amandeep Singh of Police sta-

tion ANTF, Jammu. With the arrest of these two drug peddlers, ANTF Jammu has been able to break the nexus of Narcotics and Psychotropic drug dealers of Jammu and Delhi.

Both the arrested peddlers have been put behind the bars. He was putting life of thousands of youths at risk by making them drug addicts.

In a second major operation, Ishfaq Ahmad Mir, son of Farooq Mir, resident of Bungam, Rajpura, Pulwama was arrested from Qaziquand Anantnag. He was a prime accused in Case Fir No. 2/2023 of PS ANTF Jammu and was evading his arrest for a long time. He and his brother are main suppliers of poppy straw in Rajpura Pulwama. His brother Arif Ahmed Mir is already arrested in Case Fir. No 19/2022.

The whole family is involved in purchasing and selling of poppy straw from JK to other

In the same nexus, a father son duo Harvinder Singh Bassi and his father Digvijay Singh Bassi have already been arrested and lodged in jail few months back, thereby establishing and arresting the forward and backward chain in the case.

The peddlers in this FIR Nazir Qadir and Jaswinder Singh who were arrested with 830 Kgs narcotics and are lodged in jail. The investigation and arrest is done by Inspector Sanjeet Sharma of Police Station ANTF, Jammu.

In third operation, Inspector Varuneshwar Singh of PS ANTF Jammu arrested one Zahid Sheikh, son of Nazir resident Sheikh. Ranbirpura, Mattan, Anantnag. He was wanted in

Case Fir No 3/23 PS ANTE,

Jammu. He used to receive

drug from Delhi and distribute them among the local youth of

fourth operation. Inspector Vikas Hans arrested narcotic distributor Shinderpal Singh, son of Satnam Singh, resident of Burj Hassan, Philllaur Punjab from his house. He was wanted in Case Fir NO. 10/22 PS ANTF Jammu. His modus operandi was to receive narcotics from Kashmir based suppliers and distribute it among the youth of Punjab.

These arrests are big sigh of relief for the sleuths as well as youth of Jammu and Kashmir. Other drug peddlers and their clients involved in these nexuses are being investigated and more arrests are expected

All these raids and arrests were executed under the guidance of Shamsher Singh, DySP PS ANTF Jammu Zone under the supervision of Raj Kumar SSP ANTF J&K.

ANTF J&K appealed general public and youth to stay away from drugs and to share all information regarding drug distributors and peddlers with ANTF so that strict legal actions are taken against such miscreants as per law. The identity of the informant as well as whistle blower shall be kept confidential.

ANTF J&K has also appealed every citizen of UT of J&K to come forward in the war against drug abuse. Society can be helpful in breaking the demand-supply chain so that the target of complete eradication of menace of drugs from our society can be achieved.

that Apni Party will not disappoint electorate **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: In a major political event for the first time in over three decades, the Apni Party, on Sunday, organized a public meeting in the Warpora area of North Kashmir's Sopore. This region was a stronghold of the separatist movement for quite a long time, precisely after 1987. The event witnessed a remarkable turnout as a large number of residents thronged the venue and warmly welcomed the party president, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari. Addressing the occasion, Bukhari said, "We all know that the people in Sopore chose to remain disconnected from mainstream political parties for the last three decades. aligning themselves with a specific ideology. However, I pose a question: What tangible benefits has this isolation brought to the people in this region, apart from bringing misery and bloodshed? More importantly,



JKAP president, S.M.A Bukhari with other leaders at a public meeting

how long can the people of this area sustain this isolation without further harming their interests and rights?" Urging people not to remain excluded from the governance system and the democratic process any longer. he said, "The reality is that a prolonged period of violence and instability has brought only suffering and deprivation to the people here. We cannot deny the fact that to secure our civic rights and a fair share of development, we must be part of the

system. By remaining outside the governance system and not participating in the process of choosing the right people as your representatives, you are depriving yourself of a say in the democratic process.

Sharing his political views candidly, Bukhari said, "I do not mince words when I say that Jammu and Kashmir is destined to be a part of India, as chosen by the leadership in 1947. I say this even though New Delhi has, time and again,

New Delhi has, at times, caused emotional distress and hurt our sentiments. But I believe that the solutions to our problems will also come from New Delhi, not from elsewhere."

"Unfortunately, New Delhi has always promoted and endorsed dynastic leadership here, even during the 1987 elections, when those who were leading the movement here tried to bring about change through the ballot box. Eventually, we witnessed a long

and Kashmir. I hope Delhi has realized that tampering with the public mandate was not the right thing to do." He added. Bukhari appealed to the people in Sopore to give Apni Party

phase of violence in Jammu

a fair chance in the upcoming elections. He said, "Today, I promise you that Apni Party will not disappoint you if you entrust us with your mandate to serve you." He promised that if Apni Party forms the government in J&K, it will leave no stone unturned to ensure the revival of Sopore's past glory. Taking a dig at the opportunistic and deceptive politics of regional political parties, he said, "When Article 370 was revoked by the parliament, we had a bunch of members from parties like NC and PDP. Why didn't they resist this move, or why didn't they resign from the membership of the parliament to protest this devastating

Secy SC urges youth to participate in sports activities with vigour

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BARAMULLA: Hotelier's Premier League (HPL) T20, Session 17 cricket tournament which was organized by locals in Sopore on Sunday culminated with a colourful closing ceremony after the final match of the tournament was played between Lala 11 Sopore and Seer Sports at Habba Sahib Sports Ground Hathlangoo Zaingair.

Secretary Sports Council (SC) J&K, Nuzhat Gul was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Senior Superintendent of Police Sopore, Shabir



besides other dignatories participanted in the ceremony as the guest of honors. Pertinently, thirty two

teams from different areas of the District participated in the tournament with great enthusiasm, passion and val-

On the occasion, the Secretary Sports Council extended appreciations to both the teams for playing the final stage and also congratulated the winning team. She also presented trophies to the winner and runner up teams. Both the teams were awarded with Trophies, Cash Prize of ?40,000/- and ?20,000/respectively. Moreover, the Man of the series awardee was given a cash of Rs. 5000.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest said that every initiative is being taken to provide a platform to

youth and guiding them to follow their goals adding that only Sports can keep youth away from drugs. Secretary Sports said that

a special focus is being given to the development of sports infrastructure across the district to provide world class facilities to the youth of the district.

Later, SSP Sopore appreciated the participating teams for their sportsmanship and enthusiasm during the tournament. He also urged them to motivate others to inculcate sports habits in their lives.