

VAJK makes youth voters aware through sports

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JAMMU: The Volleyball Association of Jammu & Kashmir on Wednesday held an exhibition match at MA Stadium Jammu to promote voter awareness. The event featured a thrilling showdown between the Sports Authority of India Jammu center and the Army 11 team, showcasing impressive skills and teamwork. It's worth mentioning here that the Department of Sports Authority of India comprises of all volleyball players from JKUT, were urged to spread awareness of strengthening democracy by casting their votes in the Jammu & Kashmir assembly elections and act as ambassadors to motivate youth for promoting the democratic institutions in



VAJK office bearers posing with Aman Sharma, Incharge SAI J&K and volleyball teams.

J&K UT. Aman Sharma, Incharge of the Sports Authority of India J&K, served as the Chief Guest who introduced with the participating teams by office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K led by Kuldip Magotra Chief

Executive Officer, Vijay Kumar Magotra General Secretary and Ramesh Sharma Treasurer. He emphasized the importance of participating in the Jammu & Kashmir assembly elections and encouraged the players to become ambassa-

dors for democratic engagement among the youth. The chief guest lauded the efforts of the Volleyball Association of J&K in motivating the youth all across JKUT on various issues like Drug abuse, Fit India, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in addition to present ongoing JKUT assembly elections through organizing such sports

events/ matches at grass root level. The match concluded with Army 11 triumphing over the Sports Authority of India with a score of 3-0 (25-23, 25-21, 25-22), displaying an exciting array of spikes and strategy. Dignitaries including veteran volleyball player Shashi Sharma and coach Prateek Kumar were also present, highlighting the community's passion for the sport. Kuldip Magotra, CEO of the Volleyball Association of J&K, reflected on the organization's efforts to address various societal issues, such as drug abuse and cleanliness initiatives, through sports. Participants were invited to share a poem in Dogri recited by Madan Lal Toofan through social media link, promoting the vital message of voting to strengthen democracy.

HPS students shine in Zonal District Level Athletic Championship 2024-25

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SAMBA: The boys of Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari-Brahmana brought laurels to school by winning medals at Inter Zonal District Level Athletic Championship held at Samba Stadium Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19 category at Samba District, organised by Department of Youth Services and Sports. In an event for Under-14Boys Balbir Kumar of class 9th won a Gold medal in 200 m, Paras Verma of class 8th won a Gold medal in high jump, Paras Verma of class 8th won a Silver medal in Long jump and Kushal Mehra of class 6th won a Silver medal in 600 metres. The another achievement for school was for Under-17 boys event in which Rajveer Singh of class 9th won a Gold medal in Javelin,



HPS faculty felicitating winner students.

Bhavav Singh of class 11th won a Gold medal in Discus throw and Shotput Ankit Kumar of class 10thwon a Gold medal in Triple Jump and a Silver medal in Long jump. In Under-19 boys Mubarak Khan of class 11thwon Silver medal in 200 m. The school acclaimed 6 Gold medal and 4 Silver medals at different event organised by the Deptt of YSS. A special assembly was

organised to honour the winners. The Principal, Gaurav Charak along with Vice-Principal, Anku Charak lauded the efforts of students who showed excellent performance under the guidance of Head coach, Mahan Singh along with other coaches, Shamsheer Singh, Ajay Sharma, Bhanu Singh, Meenali Jamwal and Anju etc.

JU organizes lectures on "Gender Sensitization", "Cyber Crime"



JU faculty felicitating a resource person.

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JAMMU: Under the aegis of Chemical Society of PG Department of Chemistry, University of Jammu, two lectures were organised on Wednesday in the Seminar Hall of Department of Computer Science by Department of Chemistry, University of Jammu. Lectures began with the formal introduction by Vaishali Thakur, student of M.Sc. Semester-III and welcome address was delivered by Prof. H.N. Sheikh, Head of the Chemistry Department. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. Savita Nayar (Director, Centre for Women

Studies), Department of Law, on "Gender Sensitization". She sensitized the audience about the gender issues, such as harassment at workplace, domestic violence, etc. She guided students about various aspects of gender sensitization as to how we can foster it in our professional spaces. She emphasized upon how to file the complaint in case of harassment at workplace. Yaseen Kichloo (SSP Cyber Crime Institute for Excellence, Jammu) delivered the second lecture on "Cyber Crime". He informed audience about the evolving landscape of cyber threats and crimes in view of increasing dependence on digital platforms for various social and professional activities. He also sensitized the audience about the need to remain informed, vigilant and proactive to safeguard themselves from cyber threats and crimes. The students actively participated in the discussions. Session concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms. Vaishali Thakur. Faculty members who joined the session were Prof. Kamal K. Kapoor, Prof. Satya Paul, Prof. D.S. Sambyal, Dr. Monika Gupta, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Dr. Kuldeep Raj Sharma, Dr. Riahe SInghal, Dr. Nitika Sharma and Dr. Amir Fayaz. Scholars, students and non-teaching staff also joined the sessions.

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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School, Akalpur Morh, marked "World Ozone Day" with a vibrant celebration themed "Ozone For Life." The event was organized in collaboration with the Department of Ecology, Environment, and Remote Sensing, bringing together students, teachers, and dignitaries to raise awareness about the importance of the ozone layer. The program took place in the school auditorium, attended by the management committee members, including Dr. R.K. Saprop (Officiating Secretary), B.L. Saraf (Former District Session Judge), and School Principal Prof. Annapurna Koul. Notable guests included Verender Dembi, an educationist, along with Anil



DEERS Jammu officials posing with students and faculty of Vishwa Bharati School.

Sharma and Hancy Pandita from the Department, and Sugandha Mahajan, Associate Professor from the Department of Botany at Women's College, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, who served as the Chief Guest. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of a lamp, followed by a welcome address delivered by

Akshma Bakshi from the English department. The school principal extended a floral welcome to all guests, setting a positive tone for the day. As part of the celebrations, a painting competition and a symposium were organized. Students showcased their talents, with Maniya Pachada from class 12, Ayushi from class 10, and Anusha Dhar from class 11 being recognized as the best speakers. In the painting category, Plaksha from class 12, Yogita Kaif from class 9, and Ravish from class 12 were awarded for their creativity. The students enthusiastically participated, creating beautiful artworks and

delivering insightful speeches referencing the Montreal Protocol and Kyoto Protocol. All the top performers were honored by the management and members of the Department of Ecology, Environment, and Remote Sensing. In her address, the Chief Guest highlighted humanity's responsibility in the depletion of the ozone layer, urging the audience to take action by reducing chlorofluorocarbon emissions. She emphasized that protecting the ozone layer is crucial for the well-being of all life on Earth. Verender Dembi also spoke on the day's theme, praising the students' efforts to contribute to ozone layer protection. The program concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Sammer Bhat, the Vice Principal.

DEERS Jammu, Vishwa Bharati celebrate World Ozone Day

GGM Science College hosts Inter-Collegiate Football Tournament

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JAMMU: Inter-Collegiate Football Tournament was inaugurated at the GGM Science College grounds with an impressive and exhilarating opening ceremony. The event was graced by Dr. S.P. Sarswat, Principal of PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar and Nodal Principal for Jammu Division Colleges, who led the inaugural proceedings being the Chief Guest of the event. The ceremony was further elevated by the presence of Dr. Naven Anand, Dean of Academic Affairs at Cluster University Jammu, as guest of honour and Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College Jammu. The gathering also included Principals of various colleges that include Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Singh Principal SPMR Commerce College Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) B.



S.P. Sarswat, Principal PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar interacting with players.

B. Anand Principal MAM College Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Parihar Principal B.Ed. College Jammu, esteemed faculty members, Physical Directors of constituent colleges, a vibrant array of students, and football players. The event on behalf of Cluster University of Jammu, was organized under the meticulous supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal GGM Science

College, with close coordination from Dr. Vinod Kumar Bakshi, Director Physical Education and sports, Dr. Anshul Sawhney Convener Hospitality and Protocol committee, Dr. Sunil Dutt, Convener of the Sports Committee, and Dr. Ashaq Hussain, In-Charge of Football on behalf of Cluster University of Jammu. The opening ceremony was made festive by the rythem of band played by the Police Pipe band

accompanied by the NCC Cadets, and of the College lead by Dr. Shafia Saleem and Dr. Davinder Kumar (NCC Officers) besides NSS Volunteers. Earlier Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Associate Professor and In-Charge of the football game, while carrying the proceedings of the Program, extended a warm welcome to all guests and dignitaries at the grand ceremony. Following this, Dr. Vinod Kumar Bakshi delivered an insightful introductory address, setting the stage for the day's festivities. Later, in his presidential address, Prof. S.P. Sarswat emphasized the significance of sports and extracurricular activities, noting that the tournament transcends mere competition. He highlighted that the event is a celebration of sportsmanship, unity, and the remarkable talent possessed by each student. Prof. Sarswat inspired the players by stating that true success begins within oneself and that each participant has the inner spark and drive to not only compete but excel and showcase their best on the field. The inauguration marked

the beginning of what promises to be a thrilling and memorable football tournament, celebrating the spirit of sports and camaraderie among colleges. In the very first match Played between Mam College Jammu and SPMR College of Commerce Jammu, the 1st goal was scored by Vishavjeet Singh for M. A. M College whereas the other goal for the same team was score by Rakshit in 25th minute in this way in the inaugural match, MAM College Jammu registered win by 2-0 goals. The match was officiated by Aman Sudan, Karthik Sharma, Atul Verma, Rahul Sharma, and Gagan Kumar in presence of Physical Directors of constituent Colleges of Cluster university Jammu including Neenu Sawhney, Ravi Kumar, Sh. Ramandeep Kralia and Kajal Premi. Others who were present on the occasion include Dr. Anshul Sawhney, Dr. Arun Sharma, Dr. Shafia Saleem, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Dr. Mona Sethi, Dr. Ankush, Prof. Nisha Sharma, Prof. Kiran Bala, Prof. Vishal and Dr. Sheetu Raina.

STATE TIMES NEWS
MOHALI: Jammu and Kashmir thrashed Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) by a big margin of 109 runs in the ongoing 29th All India JP Atray Memorial Cricket Tournament 2024 at PCKA Mullapur, here today. Earlier, winning the toss and electing to bat first, J&K sailed on a power-packed unbeaten century by Nasir Lone and his partnership of 83 runs with Anshul Pandita to take the score to 243/8 in the stipulated 50 overs. Showing stellar grit and tenacity, Nasir notched up a magnificent century, scoring 102 off just 88 balls studded with 6 massive sixes and an equal number of fours, while Anshul contributed 42 runs off 69 balls with the help of 2 fours and 2 sixes. Suryansh Raina (30), Skipper Shubham Singh Pundir (18), Qazi Jumaid (15) and Muneeb Munaf (14) were the other contributors. For BPCL, Speedster Sandeep Sharma was the pick of the bowlers who took 3 important wickets by conceding 34 runs in his 10 overs, while Paras Jaidka and



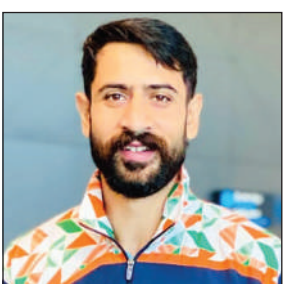
A player receiving Man of the Match award.

Bhavya Atray bagged 2 wickets each and Rajwinder Singh claimed one wicket. In reply, BPCL bumbled out for 134 runs to lose the match by a huge margin of 109 runs. Abhinav Saha and Sahil Jadhav scored 26 runs each, while Gitansh Khara and Bhavya Atray contributed 17 and 16 runs to the total respectively. Best bowlers Waseem Bashir, Irfan Ul-Haq and Nasir Lone plotted BPCL collapse, claiming 8 wickets between them. Waseem captured 4 wickets by conceding 34 runs in his 8 overs, while Haq bagged 3 wickets by giving away 36 runs in his 7 overs and Nasir claimed one wicket. Medium pacer Sunil Kumar was the most economic bowler, who conceded

just 12 runs in his 8 overs. Despite this convincing victory J&K are out of contention as PCA Colts have qualified for the knockout stage from this group. The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Punit Bisht as the Head Coach, Kavaljeet Singh as the Batting Coach, Sameer as the Bowling Coach, Guru Pratap Singh as the Trainer and Rehman as the Physiotherapist. **Srinagar Taekwondo C'ship from Sept 27**
STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Taekwondo Association of District Srinagar shall hold two-day 14th District Srinagar Taekwondo Championships under the aegis of J&K Taekwondo Association and J&K Sports Council (JKSC) at Indoor Hall, Polo Ground, here from September 27. The competition is open for Sub Junior, Cadet, Junior and Senior registered players of players of district Srinagar, a handout issued here today said. Selected players out of this event shall represent Srinagar in the upcoming 27th J&K UT Taekwondo Championships. Only the medalist in the aforesaid championships shall be eligible to take part in the upcoming UT event. No entries will be accepted without the JKTA License. Black Belt certificates are compulsory for senior athletes in order to qualify for the 27th J&K-UT Taekwondo Championships 2024-25 as per the guidelines of the Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI). All players are advised to report to Indoor Hall, Polo Ground, Srinagar on September 26 at 5 pm sharp for weigh-in along with complete registration forms duly signed by parents with Adhaar Card, JKTA License and Date of Birth certificate attached.

Saqlain in Services team for World Military Champ

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JAMMU: International spiker from remote district of Poonch in J&K, Saqlain Tariq has made another first when he became part of the Services team to represent the Indian armed forces in the prestigious World Military Championship. This year, the 38th World Military Games (WMG) Volleyball, organised by the International Military Sports Council, got underway at Tehran in Iran today. Saqlain Tariq, who earned the tag of being first volleyball player from J&K to become part of the Indian senior team, also has the distinction of turn-



feel proud of his unmatched achievements. He deserves applaud volleyball fraternity happy back home. We wish him success in the Military Games," said Saqlain's first coach and father, Mohd Tariq. Meanwhile, Volleyball Association of J&K (VAK) praised Saqlain for bringing J&K in the world map with his hardwork and talent. "Saqlain has given us yet another moment of happiness. We congratulate him for the achievement and wish him more such feats in the times to come," said Chief Executive Officer of the VAJK, Kuldeep Mangotra.

ing professional from the UT of J&K. A product of Shaheed Manjit Singh Volleyball Club, Saqlain's achievements has left a strong impression on those who want to compete and excel in Volleyball. "Saqlain has made all of us

UTT National Ranking Championships Manav, Yashaswini begin the season on a bright note

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KANGRA: In a thrilling showdown for the top spot in domestic rankings, second-seed Manav Thakkar outsmarted top-seed Harmeet Desai, winning 4-2 in the men's singles final of the UTT National Ranking Championships held at the Rainbow Khelo India Residential Academy. Despite Manush's attempts to fight back, Harmeet maintained control, clinching the match 4-0 with decisive points at 10-all in the last two games. Second seed Manav Thakkar had a breezy start against Delhi's Payas Jain, who struggled to find his rhythm. Manav capitalised on critical moments in the third game, turning a potential 1-2 deficit at 6-10 into a lead that Manav would not relinquish. He ultimately secured a 4-1 victory, showcasing his resilience. Reeth Rishya encountered a tough battle against Sayali Wani from Maharashtra in the women's singles semifinal. After trailing in parts of the match, Reeth pulled through in two crucial games, winning 4-3. Sayali fought valiantly, pushing Reeth to a deciding game, but ultimately fell short after Reeth surged to a commanding 9-1 lead, and held eight match points at 10-2. Yashaswini Ghorpade also faced early challenges in her semifinal against Tamil

Nadu's Selena Deepthi, dropping the first game. However, she regained her composure and elevated her performance to take the next three games, closing the match 4-1. In the Youth Boys U-19 singles final, Ankur Bhattacharjee of PSPB claimed the title with a 4-0 victory over P.B. Abhinand of Tamil Nadu. The match showcased intense rallies, but Ankur's effective attacking strategy allowed him to convert crucial points, solidifying his win and marking a strong start to the season. Earlier, both players advanced to the final with impressive performances. Ankur secured a decisive 3-0 victory against Preyesh Raj Suresh from Tamil Nadu, while Abhinand overcame Priyanuj Bhattacharyya from Assam 3-1, maintaining control despite dropping one game. In the Youth Girls U-19 final, Taneesha Kotecha triumphed in an all-Maharashtra showdown against Sayali Wani. After winning the first three games, Sayali made a spirited comeback, challenging Taneesha and keeping her on edge. However, Taneesha held her nerve and clinched the match on the third game and match point, delivering a disappointing blow to her state mate. In the semifinals, M. Hansini of Tamil Nadu narrowly defeated Sayali Wani 3-2, capitalising on key moments. Meanwhile,

Taneesha showcased her skill by defeating Pritha Vartika 3-1, maintaining momentum throughout the match. Results: Men's Singles: Final: Manav Thakkar (PSPB) bt Harmeet Desai (PSPB) 9-11, 11-3, 11-4, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9. Semifinals: Harmeet Desai bt Manush Shah (RBI) 11-6, 11-6, 12-10, 12-10; Manav Thakkar bt Payas Jain (Del) 11-9, 9-11, 13-11, 11-7, 8-11, 11-4. Women's Singles: Final: Yashaswini Ghorpade (PSPB) bt Reeth Rishya (PSPB) 12-10, 11-5, 11-4, 4-11, 12-10. Semifinals: Yashaswini Ghorpade bt Selena Deepthi Selvakumar (TN) 2-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-8, 13-11; Reeth Rishya bt Sayali Wani (Mah) 11-7, 13-11, 8-11, 8-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-4. Youth Under-19 Boys: Final: Ankur Bhattacharjee (PSPB) bt P.B. Abhinand (TN) 11-7, 11-8, 11-7, 11-8. Semifinals: Ankur Bhattacharjee bt Preyesh Raj Suresh (TN) 11-5, 11-6, 11-5; P.B. Abhinand bt Priyanuj Bhattacharyya (Assm) 11-8, 5-11, 12-10, 11-7. Youth Under-19 Girls: Final: Taneesha Kotecha (Mah) bt Sayali Wani (Mah) 11-9, 11-7, 11-5, 15-13. Semifinals: Sayali Wani bt M. Hansini (TN) 11-13, 11-7, 11-13, 11-5, 11-7; Taneesha Kotecha bt Pritha Vartikar (Mah) 11-6, 11-13, 11-7, 14-12.

Sarfraz of JKP wins Boxing Bronze



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JAMMU: Sarfraz Choudhary of Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) bagged Bronze medal in the just held 73rd All India Police Games in Boxing at Lucknow in Uttar

Pradesh. Contested in 92 kg weight category, Sarfraz lost in the semifinal to opponent from Indian Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to setting for a bronze medal. Earlier, he qualified for the quarterfinals beating hosts Utter Pradesh boxer and then reached the last four stages winning against Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Sarfraz's loss in the semifinals caused by a shoulder injury he suffered in the quarterfinals bout.

Kupwara Judo Championship today
STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Kupwara District Judo Association is going to organize Kupwara District Judo Championship in both categories (boys and girls) on September 19 at Indoor Sports Complex, Handwara Stadium Kupwara. The competition shall be held under the aegis of Judo Association Jammu and Kashmir and J&K Sports Council, a handout issued here today informed. Those interested eligible judokas need to report to Irahm Khaliqu with aadhar card and copy of dob for further information.