

# LG Mishra attends closing ceremony of 11th Ladakh Marathon

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) attended the closing ceremony of the 11th edition of Ladakh Marathon at the NDS Stadium where he felicitated the winners with medals and certificates. Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson; Councillor; Lower Leh, Tsering Namgyal; Secretary, Youth Services and Sports/Tourism, Vikram Singh Malik, IAS and Founder; Ladakh, Marathon, Chevang Motup Goba were among those present during the closing ceremony.

Congratulating the winners, runners-up and participants of the Ladakh Marathon, the HLG expressed his happiness about the participation of a large number of runners in the Marathon. Calling the Ladakh Marathon a big event, the HLG hoped to see Ladakhi youth emerge as winners in the Marathon in future.

Seeking cooperation from the people of Ladakh to help Ladakhi youth excel in sports, the HLG also stated that he and



Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) along with winners at closing ceremony of marathon.

the Hill Council Leh led by CEC/Chairman, Advocate Tashi Gyalson would extend all possible support for the cause so that Ladakhi youth can bring laurels to Ladakh and the nation. The LG hoped to see an increase in the number of participants along with the improvement in the timing in the next edition of Ladakh Marathon.

The LG also felicitated the

winners and runners-ups and distributed medal, certificates and cheques among them.

Open Female: Disket Dolma (03:33:41), 1st, Jigmet Dolma (03:59:16), 2nd and Namgyal Lamo (04:22:11), 3rd.

Open Male: Nawang Tsering (02:44:06), 1st, Anil Jindal (03:02:28), 2nd and Manzoor Hussain (03:06:42), 3rd.

Veteran Female: Shamala

Manmohan (05:33:41), 1st, Monika Rohrlack (06:00:28), 2nd and Mary Joshy (06:12:47), 3rd.

Veteran Male: Yaswant Rawat (04:23:46), 1st, Ashok Popli (05:03:51), 2nd and Randeep Arora (05:04:53), 3rd. The winners of Half Marathon:

Open Female: Tashi Ladol (01:29:52), 1st, Stanzin Chondol (01:34:03), 2nd and

Stanzin Dolkar (01:34:11), 3rd.

Open Male: Tsetan Namgyal (01:17:35), 1st Tsewang Nangdan (01:17:59), 2nd and Anurag Konkar (01:18:27), 3rd.

Veteran Female: Vidya Sundareswara (02:08:34), 1st Sumita Balooni (02:23:11), 2nd and Dr Antje Kramer (02:53:45), 3rd.

Veteran Male: Sukhjinder Jaspal (02:04:15), 1st, Swapan Das (02:05:48), 2nd and Deepak Raja (02:06:06), 3rd.

The winners of 11.2 km Run:

Open Male: Sonam Stanzin (00:44:05), 1st, Skarma Tharchen (00:46:33), 2nd and Phurbo Dorjay (00:47:10), 3rd.

Veteran Female: Rinchen Wangmo (01:36:52), 1st Gopa Ganguly (01:38:08), 2nd and Pushpa Bhat (01:39:16), 3rd.

Veteran Male: Maik Becker (01:01:31), 1st Naccarato Michele (01:04:15), 2nd and Capt Cheri Jacob (01:22:03), 3rd.

# District Reasi Softball Championship 2024-25 concludes



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: The District Reasi Softball Championship 2024-25, organized by the District Reasi Softball Adhoc Association under the aegis of the J&K Softball Association and sponsored by the J&K Sports Council, concluded on Sunday at the Mini Sports Stadium in Pouni.

The event, conducted under the guidance of Waseem Raja Khan, General Secretary of the J&K Softball Association, and supervised by Organizing Secretary Opinder Singh, was marked by excitement and competitive spirit.

During the closing ceremony, the Chief Guest, Tehsildar Pouni, Sahil Randawa, congratulated the Reasi Softball Adhoc Association for organizing the event professionally.

He emphasized that regular district and club-level competitions would significantly elevate the status of softball, an Olympic sport, in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He also lauded the organizing team's efforts in promoting sports and games while providing modern facilities to athletes, urging players to make full use of the resources provided by the

Sports Council.

The Chief Guest distributed medals, trophies, and accolades to the winners and runners-up, encouraging them to continue honing their skills in the sport.

In the junior boys' category, HSS Pouni Club emerged as the winner; with GMS Club as the runner-up. In the girls' event, Kheralair Club clinched the top spot, while Khalar School Club finished as the runner-up.

The officials for the matches included Ajay Salathia, Pardeep Singh, Sagar Singh, Deep Singh, Mohit Sharma, and Sonali Sharma.

## Tennikoit trials on Sep 11

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Tennikoit Association is going to conduct the open selection trials for U/14 boys and girls at Green Field

Ground, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu from September 11 to 12, 2024.

The trials are conducting for the participation of 36th Sub Junior Tennikoit Championship to be

held at Green Field Ground, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu From September 30 to October 4, 2024.

Interested players are invited to take part in the abovementioned trials.

# J&K swimming team leaves for Nationals



President JKOA, Dr Ashutosh Sharma flagging off swimming team.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A 10-member J&K team today left for participation in the 77th Senior National Aquatic Championship to be held at International Swimming Complex, Yemmekere, Mangalore from September 10 to 13 under the auspices of Swimming Federation of India.

The swimmers along with officials were flagged off by

president of J&K Olympic Association (JKOA), Dr Ashutosh Sharma from MA Stadium Complex, here. Dr Sharma encouraged the swimmers and wished them for improved results.

Earlier, president of the Association, Ramandeep Singh Soodan, in the presence of general secretary, Bharat Kumar Sharma, briefed about the upcoming event and prepara-

tion of the J&K team. The team is accompanied as coach cum manager by Babita Jamwal, joint secretary of the Association.

The Team: Mukhtar Ahmad Bhat, Showkat Ali Bhat, Rudraksh S Gupta, Aayan Sharma, Pratul Singh Jamwal, Avnee Aethmea, Aditee Aditya Bargotra, Tanisha Jaggi, Chitraranjan Sharma and Prajal Gupta.

# J&K's Yudhvir Singh called for Team India Camp as net bowler for Bangladesh Series

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: J&K's talented Speedster Yudhvir Singh Charak has got the nod of National Selection Committee led by Chairman Ajit Agarkar to join the Team India Camp as a net bowler for the upcoming Bangladesh Test Series, commencing with the first Test from September 19, 2024 at Chennai.

Yudhvir has been asked to join the India squad at Chennai on September 12, 2024.

Yudhvir displayed extraordinary skill in all the three formats of Ranji Trophy, Vijay Hazare Trophy and Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy while representing Jammu and Kashmir at



the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI's) domestic circuit, besides performing brilliantly in the recently held All India Buchi Babu Multi-day Invitational Cricket Tournament, organised by Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA).

## Constitution re-drafted, submitted JKCA appoints former India player 'Latika' as coach to produce international stuff in women's cricket Sufficient infra, academies in offing

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: After the nomination of strong three-member Sub Committee by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BOCI) to run the affairs of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) on the directions of J&K High Court, way back in 2021, the things have been changing thick and fast in Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

Presently, one gets a feeling that no stone is being left unturned to prioritize professionalism, promote cricket culture, streamline the system and deal with the players and officials on the basis of merit.

Professionalism is a buzzword, transparency in the selection process after providing ample opportunity to the players is evident, development of sufficient infrastructure is on



the cards and the establishment of standard cricket academies in both the regions of the Union Territory are in the pipeline.

This season, the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has appointed former India player and a cricket coach of great repute, Ms Latika Kumari Sangvan as the coach of the senior women's team with an aim to produce International stuff.

"J&K women cricket is already on the upswing. We have produced a big number of players who have represented

JKCA in the North Zone, Challenger Trophy and NCA Camps. Now, JKCA is aiming to produce India and IPL players, so we have hired a former International cricketer and coach to train our players," said Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA.

It may be recalled that the J&K senior women's team created history in 2021-22 season by qualifying for the knockout stage of the Senior Women's One-Day Trophy and the U-15 women's team also scripted history by sealing the berth in the knockout stage of U-15 Women's One-Day Trophy in 2023-24 season.

Now, the appointment of a dynamic, energetic and reputed coach will help the J&K's budding talent to make it to the higher and the highest level.

Her huge experience at the national scene and expertise in the coaching field will serve as a tonic to JKCA's talented young cricketers to blossom at the higher levels.

Meanwhile, adding another feather to its already colourful cap, the present regime of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) is all set to construct and establish a 10319.862 sq meters first of its kind state-of-the-art cricket facility in Jammu very soon.

The decision with regard to establishment of indoor cricket academies in northeastern States, Patna and Jammu was taken earlier by the BCCI and approved in the recently held informal meeting convened by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BOCI) at its headquarters in Mumbai to "exchange ideas" and discuss

the revamped domestic cricket structure.

The structure approved by the BCCI to be established in Jammu includes an all weather cricket facility with four strips or you may call them wickets, a standard gymnasium, a cafeteria, changing rooms, a massage room, waiting lounge, an ice bath facility, equipment rooms, store room and toilets.

A similar cricket academy will be established in the other region also to boost the cricketing talent.

Last but not the least, the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has re-drafted the constitution in accordance with the incorporation of the Lodha recommendations and has submitted the same with the Registrar of Societies, Jammu and Kashmir.

# Doda, Kishtwar enter finals of DYSS U -17 Cricket

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: District teams of Doda and Kishtwar are all set to play the finals of the Inter-District U-17 Boys Cricket Tournament, being organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports at Kathua. In the first semifinal, Kishtwar emerged victorious in a keenly contested match against Jammu by successfully chasing

a total of 169 runs made by District Jammu team in the T20 match.

Karanveer with fiery 31 runs and Prabdeep Singh with exquisite stroke play contributed unbeaten 65 runs which included 6 sixes, made significant contributions for the team. Ruhaan Raj Kalra with a quickfire 27 off 22 balls (not

out), once again played the pivotal role in stabilizing the Jammu district teams innings. Ruhaan had earlier also played an impressive unbeaten knock in the quarterfinal match. For Kishtwar, Mohd Laqman with 66 runs Rudra Sen with 68 runs remained the top scores and played the lead role in district Kishtwar's convincing victory.

In the second semi-final, Doda while batting first made a total of 138 runs. Humam with a well made 64 runs remained the highest scorer for Doda.

In reply, Poonch could only score 128 runs and lost the match by 10 runs. Pranav remained the highest scorer with 32 runs for Poonch.

# DYSS U-17 girls Fencing meet held

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), the inter-district UT level under-17 girls Fencing meet held at Indoor Hall MA Stadium, here. There was encouraging participation from the district with 110 fencers contesting for the top honours, a handout issued by the DYSS informed. The competition conducted by technical penal of the department including Ujjwal Gupta, Abdul Qadir, Muzamil Rasheed and Tony Matoo. DYSSO Jammu appreciated the participants. He guided them to play with team spirit and dedication to achieve

ing their goals. The event marks a significant gathering of young fencing talent from across the UT. The Results:

Sabre: Subhanaya Sharma, Jammu, Gold; Amadya Vermani of Jammu, Silver; Aahana Gupta, Jammu and Alankrita Sharma, Udhampur; Bronze.

Epee: Janvi Rai, Jammu, Gold; Arshi Thakur, Jammu, Silver; Tanishka, Jammu and Praditi Sharma, Jammu, joint Bronze.

Foil: Myra Rajput, Jammu, Gold; Vanya Gupta, Jammu, Silver; Jaizil Mattoo, Jammu and Samiksha Jamwal, Jammu, joint Bronze.

## Nitish terms BJP's J&K poll manifesto as a commitment to public welfare

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge of the Social Media Department for BJP J&K, stated that the J&K Poll Manifesto, released by Home Minister Amit Shah, reflects the party's dedication to the welfare of the masses, with a special emphasis on vulnerable sections and women. In a statement issued regarding the manifesto, Nitish described it as a 'visionary document' that prioritizes the needs of the people and underscores the party's unwavering commitment to public welfare. "One of the key promises in the manifesto is the provision of Rs. 18,000 annually to elderly women in every household under the Maa Samman Yojana. This policy is expected to be a game-changer for the region's socio-economic conditions, empowering families and uplifting the status of women," he said. He also highlighted that the manifesto is the promise to create 5 lakh jobs for the youth of J&K, aiming to boost employment opportunities and drive economic growth in the region. Mahajan highlighted that the manifesto also outlines the tripling of pensions for widows, the specially-abled, and the elderly, demonstrating the party's empathetic approach towards the most vulnerable sections of society.

# J&K Junior Men's Hockey Team selected for National

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The J&K Junior National Men's Hockey Team was selected on Sunday at the KK Hakku Hockey Stadium in Jammu to participate in the 14th Hockey India Junior National Championship (Men), scheduled to take place in Jalandhar, Punjab, from September 9 to 19, 2024.

The selection process took place under the guidance of DIG Jammu, Shiv Kumar Sharma, and was facilitated by

President), Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi (General Secretary), Karanbir Singh (Secretary), Ishan Sharma (Treasurer), and Daljeet Singh (Executive Member).

Additionally, Rajinder Singh (Former President Hockey India) and G.S. Bakshi (Former Secretary General Hockey J&K) lent their expertise to the process, along with Adv. Manmohit Singh Kahlon from the J&K High Court. Officials from the Sports

young talents namely Maheshwar Sharma, Kunal, Praveer Singh, Vanshu Mangotra, Krish Raina, Jotveer Singh, Avneet Singh, Tejpal Singh, Gamanpreet Singh, Arunpreet Singh, Zahid Shabir, Jagmeet Singh, Harmanpreet Singh, Masoom Ahmad, Damandeep Singh, Taranjot Singh, Malkit Singh, and Karandeep Singh.

The achievement is a significant milestone for hockey in J&K, and the team is poised



Selected team posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu on Sunday.

members of Hockey J&K, including Gurpreet Singh (Vice

Council were also present. The selected team comprises

for success in their upcoming national championship.

# District Level Cycling Championship 2024 concludes



Participating cyclists posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Udhampur on Sunday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: The District Level Cycling Championship 2024, held over two days in Udhampur, concluded on Sunday.

The event, supervised by Rajesh Sharma, District President of the Jammu and Kashmir Cycling Association Udhampur, saw enthusiastic participation from local cyclists showcasing their skills.

On the final day, Advocate Sanjeet Baworia served as the chief guest, while 85-year-old veteran cyclist Babu

Ram presided over the ceremony. The championship was divided into Senior, Junior, and Road Racing categories.

In the Under-14 category, Ravinder Kumar secured the first position, with Diviya Bakshi and Shabir Mohd taking second and third places, respectively. In the Under-19 category, Rindham Kumar, Sharnam Kumar, and Manat Sharma achieved the top three positions. In the Road Racing category, Sunil Kumar, Manik Magotra, and Pranav Sharma clinched the first,

second, and third positions. Chief Guest Advocate Sanjeet Baworia commended the participants for their outstanding performances and distributed certificates of merit to the winners.

The event also saw the presence of notable figures including Millikaran Arjun Slathia, Akshat Bakshi, Ashok Kumar, Sahil Dogra, and Swrانش Kumar.

The championship was celebrated as a significant event for local cyclists, highlighting their talents and dedication to the sport.