



## Jammu Central upsets PSPC to enter semis of Hockey

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Jammu Central today upset the Punjab State Power Corporation (PSPC) in penalties to qualify for the semifinals of the ongoing Martyrs' Memorial Hockey Tournament, organised by J&K Police at K K Hakhu Stadium, here today.

In the stipulated time, the match ended in a 4-4 draw with the results, the umpire applied penalty shootout rules, wherein Jammu Central emerged victorious 8-7. Other three quarterfinals of the tournament have been scheduled tomorrow. While three teams of Punjab Police, hosts J&K Police and Shahbad Hockey Academy have been given direct entry into the last eight



stages of the event.

Now, in the quarterfinals, Punjab Police shall take on Poonch XI at 11 am while J&K Police has been pitted against Jammu Sought at schedule time 1 pm. The other quarterfinal shall be played against Baba Shri

Chand Ji Hockey Club Suranpur in Punjab at 3 pm.

Earlier, in today's scheduled matches, Jammu South defeated Central Kashmir 6-2 and Poonch XI trounced Jammu North 7-2.

Zahid of Poonch XI was

star of the day with his outstanding performance. He scored five goals in team's tally of seven to be declared man of the match. Sports Officer of J&K Police, Kuldeep Handoo presented the Rs 2000 cheque to Zahid for his brilliant play.

## VCA felicitates rising Chess star Avni

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*For her title win in the 3rd Smart Girls Open Chess event, the rising star, Avni Sharma was felicitated by her coach, Vivek Bharti at Vivek Chess Academy, here.*

Avni has gained control over the Chess moves in a very short span of time and has showed consistency in her performance in last couple of month.

Started learning the Chess in April last year, 16-year old Avni, who is a 11th standard Science student, has already won a couple of local events because of her efforts and devotion to the game.

"Avni is the rising star of J&K, she won the best women prize in the Republic Cup last month and finished second in the 2nd edition of



the Smart Girls event and earned the under-17 girls title.

She has gained the control

over her moves in very short span of time," said Vivek. "And, now she defeated a

rated opponent and her se-

nior, Amrita to bag the title trophy of the 3rd Smart Girls Open Chess Tournament," he added.

## Anish wins bronze in rapid-fire pistol at Asian Rifle, Pistol Championship

**NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11:** Olympian and world championship silver medalist Anish Bhanwala clinched bronze in the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol (RFP), his third Asian Championship medal, as Kazakhstan dominated day eight of the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship, New Delhi 2026, picking up four gold medals here at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range on Wednesday.

Adriyan Karmakar in the 50m rifle prone junior men's event and the junior men's 25m RFP team also won gold on the day, taking India's table-topping medal tally to 41 gold, 19 silver and 15 bronze medals, with two more days of competitions left, according to a release.

Anish Bhanwala and Adarsh Singh took the seventh and eighth qualifying spots with scores of 574 and 573 respectively, ensuring two Indians in the RFP final. Former champion Nikita Chiryukin of Kazakhstan topped the qualifiers with a 582 and led a trio of his mates into the decider.

Japanese Dai Yoshioka, a two-time Olympian and a world cup gold medalist and Ha Minh Thanh, a double Asian Games medalist also went through along with Ha's teammate Vu Tien Nam.

In the final consisting of eight series of five rapid-fire shots, Yoshioka, Anish and Chiryukin were fastest off the blocks as Vu and Kazakh Artemiy Kabakov, became the first two to be eliminated after the third series.



As long-time team mate Adarsh bowed out after the fourth series with 11 hits to his name, Anish found himself in joint lead with Yoshioka and Nikita after the sixth series with 21 hits.

However, he got two hits in the seventh as the Japanese struck five and Chiryukin four, settling for bronze, the same result he had three years ago at the Changwon Asian Championships.

Yoshioka went on to close with another perfect five to upgrade his Changwon performance by one, finishing on a world and Asian record score of 31. Chiryukin won silver with 28 hits, while Anish ended on 23 hits.

Earlier in the first event of the day, Islam Satpayev, the talented Kazakh rifle shooter who won a bronze

at the Paris Olympics in the mixed team event, shone bright on the day winning a couple of golds in the non-Olympic but popular 50m rifle prone men's competitions.

He won the individual event with a score of 622.5 and also the team gold in alliance with teammates Nikita Shakhatorin (622.5, individual silver) & Konstantin Malinovsky (615.0).

India won a bronze through Babu Singh Panwar (621.3) in the individual men's event and a silver in the team event when Babu combined with Samarvir Singh (618.2) and Sartaj Singh Tiwana (614.4).

In the junior men's rifle prone, India's Adriyan Karmakar won gold with a tally of 621.7 over 60 shots.

The Kazakhs took silver

and bronze through Oleg Noskov (620.6) and Tamerlan Kabulov (617.3). Kazakhstan also took the team gold in the event with a tally of 1848.7, being better than India's 1847.6.

In the final event of the day, the junior men's 25m RFP, Indonesia's Muhamad Fawwaz Aditia Farrel took gold with a score of 29 in the final, which was also a world and Asian junior record. India's Suraj Sharma took silver with 23 and Mukesh Nelavalli bronze with a score of 19.

Suraj (582) and Mukesh (572) won gold in the team competition though, combining with Sahil Choudhary (575) in the qualification round to post a total of 1729. Team Kazakhstan took silver with a tally of 1613. (ANI)

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The Senior Senior Citizens Welfare Forum Katra (Regd.) expressed concern over the prevailing situation in the holy town of Katra in district Reasi.

The Forum place on record its stand regarding Gandola while discussing the issues concerning the senior citizens of the town in a meeting held here under the chairmanship of president, Shiv Kumar Sharma.

"The Forum firmly believes that the holy yatra is the lifeline of Katra and it holds religious, cultural and economic importance. Any development undertaken for the welfare and convenience of pilgrims may be



welcomed, but it must be approached with constructive dialogue, mutual respect and democratic means," said a statement issued by the Forum.

The Forum also condemned the use of 'unpar-

liamentary' language during recent protest in the Katra town. The meeting clarified that recent press conference organised by the individuals senior citizens has no concern with Senior Citizens Welfare Forum Katra.

Other agenda points of discussion during the meeting were Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Parikrama Yatra and an Eye camp at Bharti Vidhya Mandir School by Rotary Eye Hospital Udhampur through the Forum.

## GDC Kunjwani excels in Inter-college Wushu meet

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Government Degree College (GDC) Kunjwani excelled with runners-up trophy in the inter-college Wushu (men and women) competitions of the University of Jammu (JU), held here.

The college men team won five medals, including four gold and a silver. While Abhi Kumar secured three gold in as many events, Kamaljeet Bhogal won one gold. The silver medal for the college came through Bharghavanish.

The medal winners were felicitated by the College



Principal, Dr. Manisha Sarup Kohli. She congratulated the students for their commendable success and extended her blessings for

their future endeavours.

Dr. Kohli also appreciated the dedicated efforts of Malik Aijaz Iqbal, Physical Director of the college and the

entire Sports Committee for their unwavering support and commitment towards promoting a vibrant sports culture in the College.

## Jasbir of J&K to play in Handball Pro League

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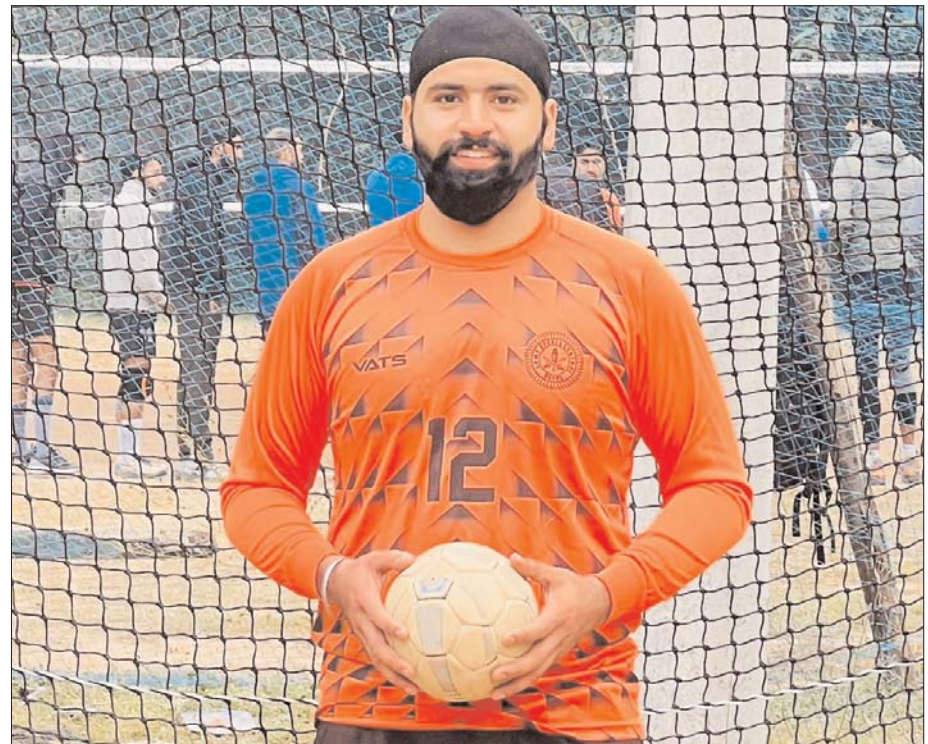
Senior Handball player from Jammu and Kashmir, Jasbir Singh (Jassi) has been selected to participate in the Handball Pro League (HPL) 2026.

South Asia's biggest and India's first-ever professional Handball League for both men and women shall take place at Mankapur Indoor Stadium in Nagpur from February 10 to February 15.

Presently serving with Indian Army, Jasbir shall represent Mumbai Mercenaries Team as main goalkeeper.

Jasbir has been selected considering his performance in the last National tournament.

Meanwhile, Interna-



tional Handball player and India captain, Neeraj

Singh complimented Jasbir Singh on his selected

in the professional league.

## Thinles Angmo's four-goal blitz sends Changla Lamos into semifinals

**LEH (LADAKH), FEB 11:** Thinles Angmo delivered a match-winning four-goal performance to send Changla Lamos into the semi-finals on Day fourteen of the Ice Hockey League Season 3 at the Nawang Dorjay Stobdan (NDS) Stadium.

According to a release, the final day of the league stage also witnessed wins for Shakar Chiktan Royals, Kharu Falcons and Sham Wolves, while in the women's game, Kharu Eagles and Shakar Chiktan Royals played out a draw.

The semi-final line-up is now confirmed, with the women's fixtures set to see Sham Eagles face Changla

Lamos and Kharu Eagles take on Shakar Chiktan Royals, followed by men's clashes between Humas Warriors and Changthang Shans, and Purig Warriors against Shakar Chiktan Royals.

Shakar Chiktan Royals opened the day with a 5-4 win over Changla Blasters, holding off a late surge to take the points. Hamid Khan put the Royals in front in the fourth minute with a wrist shot, but Stanzin Namgyal replied in the sixth to level it up.

The Royals regained control late in the first period as Ashiq Hussain and Mohd Iqbal converted tap-ins in

the closing minutes to make it 3-1. Changla stayed in touch through the second period, with Stanzin scoring the only goal of the frame, his second of the game, again with a wrist shot. The Royals responded through Sobir Hussain's backhanded tap-in and Asgar Ali's finish to take their tally to five. Stanzin then struck twice in quick succession late on to bring the Blasters within one at 5-4, but the Royals held on to close out the win.

Kharu Falcons beat Maryul Spawos 7-5 in a fast-paced game with five equalisers. Rigzin Dorje opened in the second minute, before Jigmat

Choster levelled with a wrist flick and then put Falcons ahead with a tap-in.

Ajaz Ali equalised, and Srangetot's second goal restored Spawos' lead. In the second period, Skalrang Phunchok made it level, Choster's third, a sliding drag shot, put Kharu back in front, and Thinles Namgyal equalised in the same minute to send the game tied into the third.

Choster struck again with his fourth wrist flick, but Stanzin Tundup's slap shot levelled it once more. Rigzin Punchok then sealed it late with a slap shot and a wrist flick to secure the win for the Kharu Falcons.