



## Vishavjeet's Blazing 97 Powers Gentle Giants to Commanding Victory

### All-Round Heroics Seal Win; Rehari Kings XI Shine in Second Match

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Exciting cricketing action marked the ongoing 1st Jammu Lochan T20 Cricket Tournament being organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Masters Games Association at Maulana Azad Stadium, as Gentle Giants and Rehari Kings XI registered emphatic victories in their respective matches today.

In the first match, Gentle Giants took on Green Star Bhaderwah. After winning the toss, Gentle Giants skipper Ashish Kohli elected to bat first. The decision paid off as the team posted a competitive total of 167 runs for the loss of eight wickets in 20 overs. Vishavjeet Singh was the star performer, playing an impressive knock of 97 runs off 63 balls, anchoring the innings brilliantly.

For Green Star Bhaderwah, Aleen Malik, Khalid Bashir, and Adil Gufar picked up two wickets each, while Adil Wani and Aubi Raja chipped in with one wicket apiece.

In reply, Green Star Bhaderwah struggled to build momentum and were bowled out for 121 runs in



their allotted 20 overs. Adil Gufar and Ahtishamul Haq scored 20 runs each, while Aamir Sheikh contributed 17 runs. The Gentle Giants bowlers dominated, with Abhay Tandon delivering a match-winning spell of 5 wickets for just 10 runs in 3 overs. Jaddu claimed two wickets, while Anmol, Vishavjeet Singh, and Rajan picked up one wicket each. Vishavjeet Singh was deservedly declared Player of the Match for his outstanding all-round performance.

In another match, Rehari Kings XI outclassed Hunter Cricket Club in a convincing run chase. After winning the

toss, Hunter Cricket Club opted to bat first but were bowled out for 118 runs in 19.4 overs. Manmohan Kotwal top-scored with 43 runs off 44 balls, including two fours and a six. For Rehari Kings XI, Rohit was the pick of the bowlers, taking 3 wickets for 17 runs in his 4 overs.

Chasing the modest target, Rehari Kings XI displayed aggressive batting and chased down the total comfortably, scoring 123 runs for the loss of three wickets in just 12.2 overs. Mohit led the charge with a brisk 36 off 20 balls, while Vikas Lakhotra added 18

runs. Jatin played a match-winning cameo, smashing 20 runs off just 8 balls, including three massive sixes.

For Hunter Cricket Club, Arvind Chouhan claimed two wickets. Rohit Gupta was declared Player of the Match for his impressive performance. The award was presented by President JKMG A Ranjeet Singh Chib and Provincial President Youth Wing National Conference Tajinder Singh Aman.

The tournament continues to witness thrilling encounters, showcasing talent and competitive spirit among participating teams.

## Punjab wrestler wins Jhajjar Kotli Dangal

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Wrestler Chhota Saddam of Hoshiarpur in Punjab lifted the 99th Jhajjar Kotli Dangal title beating Lalli, again of Punjab (Phagwara) in a close fight at Jhajjar Kotli, here.

The title winner Chhota Saddam presented a cash prize of Rs. 80,000 while runners up, Lalli got Rs 70,000. In total, 46 bouts played in this dangal, which was organized by Jhajjar Kotli Kesari Dangal Committee in support with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association.

In the second main bout Nadeem (Rs 18,000) of Doda defeated Sarwan (Rs 13,000) of Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab while Rishu of Kathua held Nisar of Doda to draw thereby shared Rs 15,000 prize money.

The fourth main bout won by Surjit Singh of J&K Police beating

Arif of Doda and for fifth bout won by Fiza of J&K Police trouncing Yuv Raj of Jammu. Another bout



Muneer of Panj Garni defeated Deepa of Mullapur.

Other Results: Amir Khan of J&K Police bt Irfan of Basantgarh; Arjun of Jammu bt Laikat Ali of Punjab; Chain Singh of Reasi bt Babal of Mullapur; Kharpu of Jammu bt Akhtar of Hoshiarpur; Dillar of J&K Police bt Surma of Hamiarpur.

The bout between Ranjeet Singh of J&K Police and Sharif of Hoshiarpur ended in a draw.

District president and senior BJP leader, Nand Kishore Sharma was the chief guest while Shiv Kumar Sharma, president J&K

Wrestling Association presided. The SHO Jhajjar Kotli, Sunil Sharma and Naib Tehsildar, Bishan Dutt were the guests of honour.

Dangal was organized under the overall supervision of Durga Dass Thappa, Om Parkash Dubey, Nazir Mohd. Dhani, Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri) and Sat Paul Verma. Members of Dangal Committee included Durga Dass Thappa, Om Parkash Dubey, Nazir Mohd. Dhani, Pardeep Singh Wazir, Deepak Khajuria, Sham Lal Baru, Mulk Raj Baru, Virender Kha-

juria, Sanjay Dubey, Swarn Singh, Kanchan Singh, Jamat Ali Fouji, Advocate Sunil Kumar, Vijay Kumar Dubey, Sonu Dhani, Biju Panch, Bunty Seth, Satish Kumar Dubey, Sanjay Pamber Ashwani Dubey, Pinku Baru and Kaka Ram Mohal.

"Sports not only build physical strength but also instill discipline, team work and leadership qualities among youth while playing a crucial role of youth in building a drug free society by getting involved in physical activities," said Shiv Kumar Sharma.

## Baramulla's Youth lead charge as Sports & Awareness Campaign gains unstoppable Momentum

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District Youth Services and Sports Baramulla continues to energize the district with a powerful blend of sports excellence and social awareness under the ongoing Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions and the Nasha Mukta J&K 100 Days Campaign.

In an inspiring display of commitment towards a drug-free society, multiple zones across Baramulla actively participated in both sporting events and awareness initiatives, engaging hundreds of students in meaningful and transformative activities.

Zone Chandanwari successfully conducted Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions under the banner of Nasha Mukta Abhiyan, featuring Chess and Carrom for Under-14 boys, with an



enthusiastic participation of 30 students, showcasing both skill and discipline.

Meanwhile, Zone Wagoor, on the 3rd day of its ongoing competitions, organized Under-14 boys events at HSS Kreeri, where 54 students participated with great zeal and competitive

spirit, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for sports at the grassroots level.

Extending the campaign beyond playgrounds, Zone Dangiwa organized a massive rally under the Nasha Mukta Abhiyan, witnessing participation from around 250 students,

spreading a strong message against drug abuse across the locality.

Similarly, Zone Rohama conducted a series of impactful awareness activities including rallies, speeches, poster-making competitions, and interactive sessions. Both students and teachers participated actively, reinforcing the message of a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

Adding to the momentum, Zone Uri also organized a grand rally under the Nasha Mukta Abhiyan, where hundreds of students took part, demonstrating unity and collective resolve to eradicate drug abuse from society.

The dual initiative of promoting sports alongside spreading awareness is proving to be a powerful tool in channelizing the energy of youth towards constructive and nation-building activities.

## Double title for Kirat in Badminton



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Kirat Choudhary made it a double title win in the three-day Martyrs Memorial Badminton Tournament, which was organized by High Toss Sports Club at Champions Arena Badminton Hall, Chowadi in the city outskirts, here.

Kirat won both under-13 and under-17 girls singles titles. In under-13 category, Kiran defeated equally good

Akshini Manhas 2-1. The third place went to Aarya Mahajan. Similarly, in under-17 final, Kirat defeated Bhavya Wazir while third place bagged by Akshini Manhas.

The boys under-17 title went to Gopesh Singh, who beat Vivaan Chib in the final. Vansh Dahiya finished third. In under-13 boys final, Mehrab trounced Ayaansh Malhotra while Satvik Singh remained third.

The technical penal com-

prised Bhaktawar Singh, Sunil Bakshi, Arjun Sharma and Vikash Kumar.

To encourage young talent, consolation prizes given away to Vidansh Bakshi, Abhyansh, Ridhansh, Noor, Manveer, Maysa, Aaryahi, Gurmehar, Shourya, Mayra, Dharyya, Rohini, Chahat, Aavyaan Gupta, Kanishk, Shivam Gupta and Kanishk.

In the finals and valedictory function, Regional Director IGNOU, Sandeep Gupta was chief guest, who

presented title trophies and cash prizes to the position holders. Vinay Saraf and Kamal Sharma were guests of honour.

Among other prominent present were Romesh Raina, PD Singh, Ashok Singh, Rishi Khurana, Sanya Bakshi, Gurvinder Singh, Makrand Mehta and Vasu Bhagat.

The tournament conducted under the supervision of retired SAI Badminton coach, Satpal Sharma.

## CM Omar unveils Sher-i-Kashmir Cricket Club jersey, releases wildlife publication

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today unveiled the jersey of Sher-i-Kashmir Cricket Club (SCC) at a function held here.

The event was attended by Minister for Youth Services & Sports Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani and members of the club.

Appreciating the club's contribution to promoting cricket, the Chief Minister said that the government is committed to extending all possible support to encourage sports activities and nurture young talent across Jammu and Kashmir.

On the occasion, SCC President Aman Cheema highlighted the club's achievements, noting that it has participated in and won



several tournaments. He added that the club is playing a positive role in engaging youth and steering them away from negative influences such as drug abuse by channelizing their energy into sports.

Earlier, the Chief Minister also launched a wildlife magazine titled 'Checklist of Mammals of Jammu and Kashmir, India'. A delegation of wildlife ecologists led by Muzaffar Kichloo briefed him on their ongoing and

upcoming projects.

The Chief Minister commended their efforts and emphasized the importance of scientific research and conservation in preserving the region's rich biodiversity.

## Samiti completes 24 Mata Vaishno Devi Parikarama Yatra

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An initiative from some individuals has finally achieved a milestone when monthly Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Trikuta parvat parikrama yatra completed its two years of uninterrupted 24 such rituals.

With regular travels by the devotees, the initiative has turned out to be a religious discourse with locals at different places organizing small gatherings to welcome and join them for small prayers at temples and common points.

"Since it was an initiative of some individuals, the idea has been supported by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) with the sanction of nine temples along the Trikuta Parvat parikrama yatra route with four of them already func-



tional," informed Takan Dass convener of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Trikuta Parvat Tirth Parikrama Samiti, district Reasi.

The remote villages along the parikrama yatra route were enthusiastic and supportive to the growing trends of the visiting devotees. Held on 'Sankranti', usually with around 15 persons, the day-long ritual starts from Reasi

town with prayers at famous Kali and Graneshji temples.

After boarding a bus and passing through Gran Morh Railway Station, the yatra makes a brief halt at Kalika temple overlooking the architectural milestone of 'Anjani' Railways bridge for onward journey.

"After covering a distance of 40 kilometers on road, the yatra moves forward for a

seven-kilometer on foot journey from Sukhal Ghati to Jangal Gali, passing through mountains and dense forests areas. From Jangal Gali in district Udhampur, again the devotees board a bus to reach village Muttal. The yatra finally culminates at Reasi late in the evening," disclosed man behind the Parikrama yatra, 79 years old, Takan Dass.