



## CM hails Mohammad Yasser's historic gold medal win at Asian Boxing Championship

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today congratulated Rajouri's young boxer Mohammad Yasser on winning the gold medal at the Asian Boxing Championship held in Uzbekistan.

In his congratulatory message, the Chief Minister said that the young athlete's remarkable achievement has brought pride and honour to Jammu & Kashmir

and the entire country. He lauded Mohammad Yasser's dedication, hard work and determination, saying that his success on the international stage reflects the immense sporting talent emerging from the region.

The Chief Minister extended his best wishes to the boxer for his future endeavours and expressed hope that his achievement would inspire aspiring sports persons across

Jammu & Kashmir to pursue excellence in sports with commitment and perseverance. He reiterated the Government's commitment towards promoting sports infrastructure and providing opportunities to talented youth to excel at national and international platforms.

Fourteen-year-old Mohammad Yasser scripted history by becoming the first boxer from Jammu & Kashmir to win a gold

medal at the Under-15 Asian Boxing Championship held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

A trainee at the Khelo India Centre in Rajouri, Yasser delivered a dominant performance throughout the tournament. He defeated boxers from Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Iran before overcoming host nation Uzbekistan by 4-1 in the final to clinch the gold medal in the 58-kg category.

## APS Noida Clinches Title at Inter Western Command U-17 Girls Football Tournament

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The Inter Army Public Schools (Western Command) Under-17 Girls Football Tournament concluded on a high note at Army Public School Samba after three days of thrilling football action, sportsmanship and competitive spirit.

Organised from May 14 to 16, the tournament witnessed participation from five Army Public Schools of Western Command including APS Kandrori, APS Ambala, APS Noida, APS Jammu Cantt and APS Tibri.

Conducted on a league basis, the tournament showcased intense competition, remarkable teamwork and exceptional footballing skills by the young players. The matches reflected discipline, determination and unity among the participating teams.

Chairman of the school, Brig Shalabh Pun, interacted with the teams and encouraged the players with his motivating words during the tournament.



The grand finale was played between APS Kandrori and APS Noida in an electrifying contest that kept spectators engaged throughout the match. Displaying excellent stamina, coordination and fighting spirit, APS Noida emerged victorious with a score of 1(4)-1(2) to lift the Champion's Trophy.

APS Kandrori finished as runners-up after a spirited performance in the tournament, while APS Ambala secured the third position for their commendable display. The three-day sporting event provided a vibrant platform for budding footballers to showcase their talent and sporting spirit. The tournament was conducted successfully under the guidance of the school administration and the dedicated efforts of the organising committee, officials and support staff.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony where winners and participants were felicitated with trophies, medals and certificates. Principal, APS Samba congratulated all participating teams for their outstanding performances and true sportsmanship. Chairman Brig Shalabh Pun also appreciated the spirited participation of the players and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in sports.

## South Kashmir Volleyball League witnesses enthusiastic participation on day-2

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The four-day South Kashmir Volleyball League-2026, inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Shopian, continued with great excitement and competitive spirit on the second day of the tournament.

The four-day sporting event is being organized jointly by the Volleyball Association of J&K and the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, bringing together talented volleyball players from across the region. The second day's proceedings were attended by MLA Shopian Shabir Ahmad Kullay as the Chief Guest.

The league has attracted teams from six districts including Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Rajouri, and Poonch, making it one of the major volleyball events in South Kashmir this year.

A series of thrilling matches kept spectators engaged throughout the day. Kulgam defeated



Anantnag by 2-1 sets with scores of 19-25, 25-17, and 15-11, while Pulwama registered a straight 2-0 victory over Shopian with scores of 25-15 and 25-16.

Poonch also secured a convincing 2-0 win against Rajouri by 25-18 and 25-21. In another closely contested match, Anantnag defeated Pulwama 2-1 with scores of 22-25, 30-28, and 16-14.

Kulgam continued its impressive run by overcoming Shopian 2-1 with scores 26-24, 15-25, and 5-10, while Pulwama bounced back to defeat Ra-

jour in straight 2-0 sets with scores 25-21 and 25-18. Poonch also outplayed Shopian by 2-1 in a competitive encounter with scores of 25-22, 20-25, and 15-09. Further matches saw Kulgam defeating Rajouri 2-1 with scores of 25-13, 21-25 and 19-17, while Anantnag secured a straight-set 2-0 victory against Shopian by 25-23 and 25-18. Poonch continued its winning momentum by defeating Pulwama 2-0 with scores of 25-22 and 25-22. Anantnag later overcame Rajouri 2-1 with scores of 24-26, 25-15, and

15-10, after a hard-fought contest. The highlight of the day was the thrilling clash between Kulgam and Poonch, where Kulgam emerged victorious by 2-1 sets with scores of 27-25, 26-28, and 15-12. In the last match of the day, Shopian defeated Rajouri in straight 2-0 sets by 26-24 and 25-19.

The league has generated tremendous enthusiasm among sports lovers and is playing a significant role in promoting volleyball and encouraging youth participation across Jammu and Kashmir.

## Srinagar Admin Rolling Trophy for Inter-College Cricket Tournament inaugurated at SP College

**SRINAGAR, MAY 16:** Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar, Dr. G.V. Sandeep, on Saturday inaugurated the District Administration Srinagar's Rolling Trophy for the Inter-College Cricket Tournament (Men & Women)-2026 at S.P. College Srinagar under the Youth Engagement and Empowerment Programme.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including Dr. Seem Naz, Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division Colleges; Elford Thomas, IAS Probationer; Dr. Haris Izhar Tantray, Principal, S.P. College Srinagar; Dr. Hudda Gazali, Principal, Government College for Women Nawa Kadal Srinagar; Dr. Tehmeena Yousuf, Principal, Islamia College of Science and Commerce Srinagar; and Dr. Deeba Sarmad, Principal, GDC Eidgah Srinagar, besides SSP Traffic Srinagar, SP East Srinagar, and SHO Kothi Bagh.

Officials from the Youth Services and Sports Department Srinagar, the Chief



Planning Officer (CPO) Srinagar, Physical Training Instructors (PTIs), Assistant Physical Training Instructors (APTIs), and other officers were also present on the occasion.

The inaugural match of the tournament was played between Amar Singh College and Government Degree College Hyderpora. Amar Singh College won the toss and elected to field first.

A total of 18 teams from various Government Degree Colleges have registered for the tournament, including nine men's teams and nine women's teams.

The participating men's teams include Government College of Education (IASE) Srinagar, GDC Hyderpora, Amar Singh College, GDC Bemina Srinagar, GDC Women M.A. Road Srinagar, S.P. College Srinagar, GDC Eidgah, Islamia College of Science and Com-

merce Srinagar, and Gandhi Memorial College Srinagar.

The women's category included teams from GDC Zakura, Vishwa Bharati College, Amar Singh College, GC Women M.A. Road Srinagar, S.P. College Srinagar, Gandhi Memorial College Srinagar, Islamia College of Science and Commerce Srinagar, and GC Women Nawa Kadal Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Srinagar highlighted the importance of sports in character building and youth development. He said that tournaments and sporting events not only nurture talent but also channel the energy of young people toward productive and meaningful activities.

He emphasized that the discipline learned through sports plays a vital role in shaping responsible citizens.

He further urged students to stay away from drugs and adopt healthy lifestyles, stating that drug abuse poses a serious threat to society and the future of youth.

"Youngsters must utilise their potential in positive

## Sports, Awareness, Enforcement Activities continue across Pulwama under NMBA

**PULWAMA, MAY 16:**

As part of the ongoing 100-day campaign under the Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, a series of awareness, outreach, sports and enforcement activities were conducted today across district Pulwama to spread awareness against drug abuse and promote a healthy and drug-free society.

Awareness programmes were organised at Tral-e-Payeen (E), Sangerwani and Chandhara, where participants were sensitised regarding the harmful effects of substance abuse and the importance of collective efforts in curbing the menace of drugs.

Various activities including awareness sessions, pledge ceremonies, signature campaigns, plantation drives and padyatras were conducted to encourage collective responsibility towards building a drug-free society.

Meanwhile, SHG members organised awareness and counselling activities at Barsoo Awantipora to educate the local population regarding the ill effects of drug abuse and to strengthen community participation under the campaign.

Furthermore continuing its enforcement measures under the campaign, the Drug Control Department Pulwama conducted a thorough inspection of Moham-



media Nursing Home in Pulwama town.

During the inspection, an on-spot notice was issued for violation related to improper storage of drugs against prescribed norms. Directions were also issued to arrange adequate space for accommodating all medicines under one roof within the hospital premises.

Meanwhile, the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Pulwama, organised a series of sports and awareness activities

across several educational institutions of the district under the campaign.

In Zone Pulwama, zonal-level tournaments for AAG Girls in Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Kabaddi were organised at GMS Pulwama. In Zone Tahab, a zonal-level tournament in Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Kabaddi for U-17 boys was conducted at HS-17 boys.

In Zone Pampore, awareness programmes and group discussions were organised under the cam-

paign.

Similarly, Zone Tral organised NMBA awareness programmes at Town Hall Tral and HS Mandoora, besides group discussions at UPS Naibugh and UPS Mandoora.

In Zone Shadimarg, a zonal-level AAG Boys Badminton Tournament was conducted at Indoor Stadium Rajpora, while Zone Awantipora organised a zonal-level AAG Boys Table Tennis Tournament at GHSS Dadsara.

## Inter-School Zonal Level Sports Tournament takes off at Muzimkund

**RAMBAN, MAY 16:** Inter-School Zonal Level Sports Tournament of Zone Gool was inaugurated today at Muzimkund by Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Intiaz, in an enthusiastic and vibrant atmosphere marked by sportsmanship and active student participation.

The tournament, organised by Youth Services and Sports Department, features competitions in Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball for boys in the Under-14 and Under-17 age groups.

Students from different schools are participating in the competitions with great zeal, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The inaugural function was attended by I/C ZPEO Gool Tariq



Ahmed, SDAO Sanjay Sharma, officials of the de-

partment, teachers and a large gathering of students

from various schools of Zone Gool. During the programme, students took Nasha Mukta Abhiyan pledge, reaffirming their commitment towards a healthy, disciplined and drug-free lifestyle. The pledge ceremony was conducted to spread awareness among youth about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of staying away from intoxicants. The SDM appreciated the efforts of the Youth Services & Sports Department for organising such events that encourage students to participate in constructive and healthy activities. He highlighted the importance of sports in building confidence, unity and leadership qualities among young students.