

**Ranji Trophy Elite Group-A match**

# Khajuria scripts history for J&K, slams double ton; Shivansh scores century as J&K declares at 519/7

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Talented and experienced opening batsman, Shubham Khajuria created history by becoming the only third batsman to score a double ton and the only batter to hit 250 plus runs for Jammu and Kashmir in a Ranji Trophy match, while young Shivansh Sharma showed patience and perseverance to hit a valuable century as J&K declared their first innings at 519/7 against Maharashtra in the Ranji Trophy Elite Group-A match at Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium here today.

In reply, Maharashtra were 28/1 in their first innings at stumps on day-2 today.

SA Veer was at the crease on 13 and SS Dgas was unbeaten on 10 when the stumps were drawn. MS Trunkwala was the only batsman to be dismissed.

Rasikh Salam took the lone wicket to fall.



Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 264/4, the duo of Shubham and Shivansh showed stellar grit, tenacity and sublimity in their big partnership of 231 runs, thus sending the rival bowlers on a rampage.

The pair powered Jammu and Kashmir to declare their innings at the fag end of the day and put Maharashtra batsmen under tremendous pressure.

Shubham scored 255 runs off 353 balls, studded with 29 fours and 8 sixes, thus becoming the only third J&K batter after cricketers stalwarts-Ashwani Gupta and Kavaljeet Singh to score a double century for J&K and the only batsman to score 250 plus runs in an innings, while young wicket-keeper batsman Shivansh remained unbeaten on 106 off 288 balls, studded with 10 fours and 2 sixes.

Shubham Singh Pundir (37), Paras Dogra (30), Abid Mushtaq (29\*) and Abdul Samad (23) were the other contributors.

HA walung was the most successful bowler for Maharashtra, who took 4 wickets by conceding 143 runs in his 43 overs, while RN Gurbani, MG Choudhary and Arshin

Kulkarni claimed one wicket each.

Meanwhile, Member-Administration JKCA Brig Anil Gupta and Member Cricket Operations Mithun Manhas have congratulated the team for this performance and appreciated Shubham Khajuria and Shivansh Sharma for their wonderful knocks.

SCOREBOARD	
<b>JAMMU &amp; KASHMIR 1ST INNINGS</b>	
Abhinav Puri b Gurbani	00
Shubham Khajuria c Dhas b Walunj	255
Shubham Pundir c Veer b Kulkarni	37
Paras Dogra (c) e Gurbani b Walunj	30
Abdul Samad d †Naik b Walunj	23
Sahil Lotra c Dhas b Mukesh Choudhary	18
Shivansh Sharma † not out	106
Yudhvir Singh lbw b Walunj	03
Abid Mushtaq not out	29
<b>Extras</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>519/7d</b>
<b>MAHARASHTRA 1ST INNINGS</b>	
Siddhesh Veer not out	13
Murtaza Trunkwala b Rasikh Salam	00
Sachin Dhas not out	10
<b>Extras</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28/1</b>

# ADGP Jammu inaugurates Badminton Tournament



ADGP Jammu, Anand Jain along with organisers and players during the tournament.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu, Anand Jain, on Saturday inaugurated a Badminton Tournament at the Badminton Hall, District Police Lines (DPL), Jammu. The event witnessed an overwhelming response with the participation of over 100 players, including both boys and girls, showcasing their talent and passion for the sport.

While addressing the participants and attendees, Anand Jain emphasized the importance of staying away from harmful habits, particularly drug abuse which has become widespread in society.

He urged the youth to channel their energy into productive activities like sports, which promote discipline and a healthy lifestyle. He also advised parents to take active responsibility for the well-being of their children, ensuring that they stay on the right path.

The ADGP Jammu expressed his gratitude to the technical officials for their contribution to the smooth conduct of the tournament.

He further assured that the Jammu and Kashmir Police are fully committed to the development and promotion of sports activities in the Union Territory. He reiterated

that such initiatives help in keeping the youth engaged and away from negative influences.

During the inauguration ceremony the officers who were present on the occasion which include Gulzar Singh Slathia, former Inspector General, J&K Police, Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG, JSK Range, Kameshwar Puri, SP, OPS, Ajay Sharma, SP South, Balbir Singh Jammwal, General Secretary, BAJK and parents/Badminton faculty.

The tournament, which has attracted significant attention, will conclude tomorrow, October 13, 2024, with a prize distribution function.

# Southern Superstars enter final of Legends League Cricket 2024

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SRINAGAR: Banking on Hamilton Masakadza's impressive knock with the bat and some good bowling performances with the ball, Southern Superstars entered the final of Legends League Cricket 2024. They defeated Konark Suryas Odisha by 7 wickets at the Bakshi Stadium on Saturday.

Southern Superstars won the toss and elected to bowl first. Richard Levi and Dilshan Munaweera opened the innings for Konark Suryas Odisha. They faced an early setback as they were down to 8/4 in 3.5 overs. For the fifth wicket, Levi and Irfan Pathan added 45 runs before Levi was dismissed for 22 from 25 balls. Then it was the Pathan brothers' show in the innings. The duo added 61 runs for the sixth wicket. Yusuf Pathan made 43 from 21 balls. Skipper Irfan Pathan played a captain's knock as he scored 62



from 48 balls. At the end of the innings, they posted a score of 148/8 in 20 overs.

For Southern Superstars, Hamid Hassan (2/27), Abdur Razzak (2/19), Subodh Bhati (2/29) and Kedar Jadhav (2/33) took two wickets each in the innings.

With a target of 149 on the board, Martin Guptill and Shreevats Goswami opened the innings for Southern Superstars. Guptill was dismissed for just 4 from 3 balls by Divesh Pathania. Goswami was then joined by Hamilton Masakadza in the middle. The duo added 82

runs for the second wicket before Goswami was dismissed for 23 from 27 balls. Masakadza scored 67 runs from 49 balls. Pawan Negi remained unbeaten on 40\* from 20 balls and helped his team win the match. They chased down the target in 17.2 overs.

For Konark Suryas Odisha, Divesh Pathania (1/22), Vinay Kumar (1/21) and KP Appanna (1/14) took one wicket each in the innings.

Konark Suryas Odisha will next face the winner of the eliminator match on October 14 (Monday).

# Natrang showcases diverse dance traditions in 'Colors of J&K' at IIT Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Natrang showcased the diverse dance traditions of Jammu & Kashmir in a unique programme entitled 'Colors of Jammu & Kashmir' at the auditorium of IIT Jammu.

This programme was a part of pre convocation events organised by IIT Jammu ahead of their 5th convocation. Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director IIT Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Prominent amongst those who attended this high-profile event included Prof. S.N. Singh, Prof. Kamnan Iyer and Padamshree Balwant Thakur.

Dr. Quleen Kaur Bijral, faculty, HSS and Dr. Ankit Kathuria were the organisers of the pre-convocation cultural event in which in addition to the mega event 'Colors of Jammu Kashmir' by Natrang, performances



by students and faculty members also featured.

Conceptualized and designed by Natrang Director Padamshree Balwant Thakur, 'Colors of Jammu Kashmir' is a unique cultural album of Jammu and Kashmir showcasing the variegated variety of different colours, rhythms, costumes, design patterns and artistic expressions, expressed through the diverse dances of J&K.

This amazing bouquet of rarest dance traditions unfolded the mesmerizing

artistic traditions of the crown of incredible India. Each dance presentation despite being different from the other in rhythm and pace was artistically and aesthetically blended with each other so as to present their harmony and wonderful correlation.

Jammu Kashmir has a diverse blend of many cultures. It has a composite culture created by people from different religions. The cultural significance and the amazing diversity of this place is great.

The people of J&K have made huge contributions towards the world culture in the form of their arts, performing arts, crafts, literature, oral histories, science, and philosophy.

Most of the world visits here to experience the tradition and culture of J&K. The presentation 'Colors of Jammu & Kashmir' expresses the true essence of the cultural ethos of this region. This is a unique event created by Natrang which has won accolades worldwide for its highly professional presentation structure and artistic excellence.

Artists who depicted the requisite energy and festivity included Sunny Mujoo (Choreographer), Radhika Sharma, Radhika Khajuria, Palsin Dutta, Kananpreet Kaur, Mehak Singh, Sukriti Singh, Ritika, Arun Sharma, Arun Dev, Vishal Sharma, Sanket Bhagat, Vansh Pandotra, Sana Chouhan, Isha Gupta, Suneha Angural, Simran Bhagat, Sakshi Gupta, Mahi Verma, Harmandeep Kaur, Aradhana Soodan, Amit Rana and Sahil Narwalia. The lights of the event were designed and operated by Suraj Ganjoo who was supported by Shivam Singh, Brijesh Avtar Sharma and Kartik Kumar. The sound of the show was operated by Mohd. Yaseen and the show was coordinated by Neeraj Kant.

# MBS CET Jammu organises cleanliness drive at Jammu Tawi Riverfront

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In celebration of the auspicious occasion of Shri Durga Ashtami, MBS College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu, organized a comprehensive cleanliness drive at the Jammu Tawi riverfront. The initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness and enhance the cleanliness and well-being of the community.

Around 100 first-year students actively participated in the drive under the guidance of Sarbjeeet Kour, Head of the APSH Department.

The event was supported by Bhushan Parimoo, Founder of the



Dignitaries along with faculty members and students during the cleanliness drive.

Environmental Awareness Forum and Save River Tawi campaign, along with Anmol Ohri and Navjeev Diga from Climate Front Jammu, an NGO. The NSS unit of MBS CET, led by Ripu Daman Singh, and

faculty members from first year also contributed to the initiative.

The participants worked diligently to clean the riverbank and surrounding areas, removing plastic waste, debris, and other pol-

lutants, which significantly improved the region's aesthetic appeal and environmental health.

In recognition of their efforts, the students were facilitated by Ajeesh Jamwal, SHO, Nehru Market Police Post.

The cleanliness drive stands as a testament to MBS College's dedication to social responsibility and sustainable practices. By participating in such initiatives, MBS College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu, continues to foster a sense of community while inspiring others to contribute to a cleaner and greener environment.

# Army conducts lecture on International Girl Child Day at Chowki Choura

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

AKHNOOR: To commemorate International Day of the Girl Child, Indian Army organized an impactful lecture focused on hygiene and sanitation for adolescent school girls.

The event took place at the Government Higher Secondary School Chowki Choura and was attended by enthusiastic girl students of the school. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Gurmeet Kaur and Mr. Ashok Kumar, Community Health Officer from the Government Emergency Hospital Chowki Choura. Their presentations



Army officials along with students and others.

emphasized critical topics including girls' rights, gender equality, malnutrition, and essential hygiene practices, empowering the attendees with knowledge and resources.

This initiative underscores the commitment to promoting the health and

well-being of girls, highlighting the importance of gender equality and education in shaping a brighter future.

The enthusiastic participation from the girls showcased their eagerness to learn and engage on these vital issues.

The school staff & parents expressed gratitude to the Government Emergency Hospital Chowki Choura for their collaboration in making this event a success, and remain dedicated to supporting initiatives that advocate for the rights and health of young girls.

# Inter District UT level Wrestling Tournament concludes in Bhandarwah

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: The Inter-District UT Level Wrestling Tournament for boys (AAG) concluded on Saturday at the Community Hall, Bhandarwah. The event was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YS&S) Doda, under the patronage of Rajinder Singh Tara, Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K, and the guidance of Joint Director Jammu Ved Prakash.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Doda Sunil Kumar supervised the event, which saw the enthusiastic participation of 164 wrestlers from eight districts across Jammu and Kashmir, including Jammu, Udhampur, Samba, Reasi, Kishtwar, Rajouri, Kathua, and the host district, Doda.

While speaking on the occasion,



DYSSO Doda commended the athletes for their remarkable skills, dedication, and sportsmanship. The tournament witnessed intense performances, with District Jammu emerging as the dominant team, securing 17 gold, 5 silver, and 2 bronze medals.

Doda wrestlers achieved an impressive haul with 3 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals. Kishtwar earned 1 silver and 3 bronze, while Udhampur secured 2 gold and 2 bronze.

Reasi took home 5 silver and 1 bronze, Rajouri bagged 2 gold and 7 bronze, Samba earned 6 silver and 4 bronze, and Kathua finished with 6 silver and 9 bronze medals.

The tournament highlighted the vibrant wrestling talent across the UT. The matches were officiated by the technical committee, including physical education masters, teachers, and REKS, ensuring smooth conduct throughout the event.

# 27th District Jammu Taekwondo Championship from Oct 28

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JAMMU: The Taekwondo Association of District Jammu is excited to announce the 27th District Jammu Taekwondo Championships 2024-25, to be held on October 28-29, 2024, at the Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu. This event is organized under the aegis of the J&K Taekwondo Association (Regd.) and the J&K Sports Council, themed "My Youth My Pride." The championships are open to all Sub-Junior, Cadet, Junior, and Senior players from District Jammu. Selected athletes will have the opportunity to represent District Jammu in the upcoming 27th J&K UT Taekwondo Championships 2024-25.

To qualify for the J&K UT Championships, only medalists from this event will be eligible. Additionally, all athletes must possess a valid JKTA Athlete License to participate; entries without this license will not be accepted. Senior athletes are also required to present their Black Belt Certificates as per the guidelines set by the Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI). This decision was reached unanimously by the office bearers of the Taekwondo Association of District Jammu during a meeting led by the President of the Association. All participants are advised to report to the Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu on October 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM sharp for weigh-in. Athletes must bring their completed registration forms, signed by their parents, along with their Aadhaar Card, JKTA License, and Date of Birth certificate issued by the Municipality of Jammu or the concerned Sarpanch of their village. For further information, please contact the Coordinator at 9070400444.

# Army conducts Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan at Thandikassi

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RAJOURI: The Indian Army conducted Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Campaign at Government Primary School, Thandikassi, Rajouri.

A total of 87 persons including local community elders, school teachers, children and villagers attended the same.

A Lecture on Cleanliness by representative of the Indian Army and selected school teachers & children was organized for the locals to instil habits of proper waste disposal and hygiene practices.

Furthermore, the event also witnessed the distribution of Solar Lights to 22 beneficiaries of Thandikassi village under OP Sadbhavana to promote



An army officer delivering lecture.

environment friendly means of generating power and uplifting the quality of life in such far-flung regions.

The event witnessed active participation from all corners of the local society alike, getting together to promote the

idea of 'Clean and Green India'.

Such actions go a long way in strengthening the bonds of the Indian Armed Forces and our brethren along the borders to provide impetus to our nation in forging ahead on the path of self-sustenance.