

State Football Championship

J&K Bank Academy among seven register berth in next round

Excelsior Sports Correspondent
SRINAGAR, June 17: J&K Bank Academy was among seven teams which registered berth in the next round of the ongoing State Football

Samba via tie breaker with 5-4 goals, whereas in the second match, DFA Bandipora registered victory over DFA Udhampur by a solitary goal.

In the third match played between J&K Bank Academy



Sports Minister Taj Mohi-ud-Din interacting with footballers at Srinagar on Monday.

Championship, being organised by J&K State Sports Council and J&K Bank Limited at Bakshi Stadium and Polo Ground, here today.

In the first match of the day, Jehlum Sports defeated DFA

and DFA Budgam, players of both the team displayed exemplary skills. In the first half, players of both the teams strived hard to net the goal but failed and the first half ended

Div Com reviews arrangements for Mughal Road Rally

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JAMMU, June 17: Divisional Commissioner Pardeep Gupta convened a meeting and reviewed arrangements for the smooth conduct of 4th Mughal Road Rally to be held from June 27 to 30.

Being organized by Himalayan Motorsport Association, Shimla, the rally will be sponsored by Tourism Department and other co-organizers while the J&K Bank will be the title sponsor.

Directors Tourism has been designated as nodal officers for the rally.

Divisional Commissioner also held video conferencing with Deputy Commissioners of

Poonch, Rajouri and Ramban and directed them to ensure all necessary arrangements well in time for successful conduct of the rally.

The meeting deliberated upon various important issues related to smooth and successful conduct of the rally besides working out strategies for further improving this year event.

Among others present were Additional Commissioner RS Mehta, incharge Deputy Commissioner Rehana Batool, DIG Traffic Colonel P.Satyarayan HQ CE (P) SAMPARK, Major SK Pandit, Major Kashish, Deputy Director Health and other senior officers of concerned departments.

HC stays suspension of coach

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: Vacation Judge of High Court Justice BL Bhat today stayed suspension of SP Singh, a Coach in the Jammu and Kashmir State Sports Council.

According to the petitioner, he was granted in-situ promotion in the year 2006 and was selected as head of delegation, which participated in the 6th Senior Rhythmic Gymnastics Asian Championship at Tashkent-Uzbekistan. On his

return respondent placed him under suspension pending enquiry into his conduct for remaining unauthorized absent from duty with effect from June 3, 2013 to June 12, 2013.

After hearing Advocate Abhinav Sharma appearing for the petitioner, High Court issued notice returnable within four weeks and in the meanwhile stayed the operation of the order dated June 12, 2013 whereby the petitioner was placed under suspension till next date of hearing.



Army officers awarding winners of Horse Race at Bhaderwah.

Army organizes 'Horse Race'

Excelsior Correspondent

BHADERWAH, June 17: Army organised "Horse Race" for Gujjars at Padri Galiat, here today.

In the horse race, organised by Rashtriya Rifles Battalion under the aegis of counter insurgency force (Delta), a total of 36 Gujjars participated.

To boost the morale of the Gujjars, the winners of the race were awarded cash prizes.

The race was organised by

the Army as a part of ongoing process of winning hearts and minds of the local population.

Army has been constantly undertaking a variety of projects for welfare and motivation of people.

While speaking, Fakir Hussain, Numberdar, expressed gratitude to the Army for organizing this event. He added that these kinds of activities keep them motivated and has brought colours to their monotonous life.



Children during Summer Camp at Jammu.

Summer Camp concludes at Environment Institute

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: Summer Camp organised at Environment Educational Institute, Jain Bazaar, concluded today.

During the camp, the children participated in various activities including swimming, music, dancing and art and craft work.

Principal of the school Usha Anand along with incharge workshop Rita Abrol honoured the best students.

Sumit Sharma, Music Teacher, Surabhi Jandial, Craft Teacher and Padam, Swimming Instructor offered their services during the camp.

Wushu Tourney concludes

Hold coaching progs to channelise students' talent: Mir to DYSS

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SRINAGAR, June 17: MTM Foundation School, Chandilora bagged 21 gold, 19 silver and 16 bronze medals in the Wushu Tourney which concluded at Tangmarg here today.



Agriculture Minister Ghulam Hassan Mir presenting trophy to the winner of Wushu Tourney at Tangmarg on Monday.

In the tournament, being organised by District Wushu Association, Baramulla, New Convent School, Malmoo Magam, also secured 15 gold, 12 silver and 11 bronze, whereas Tigers Academy of Wushu claimed 16 gold, 9 silver and 15 bronze and Hafizullah Sports Academy pocketed 18 gold, 15 silver and 14 bronze medals.

On the concluding day today, Minister for Agriculture Ghulam Hassan Mir, was the chief guest, who distributed awards and mementos among the players who performed well during the tournament.

While speaking, Mir called upon the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS)

to hold sports coaching programmes for students in different sports activities to channelize their talent.

"We have to take initiatives to encourage the youth and provide them a platform

to utilise their services for the betterment of nation", he added.

He asked the youth to take active part in all sports activities as sound mind needs sound body.

Minister asked the youth that the "World is yours and it is your choice how you shape the ideas for sustainable career for yourself and society".

"If you want to be on top of the world, use your time judiciously", he maintained.

President District Wushu Association Baramulla, Athar Sajad, general secretary, Jabeena Akther and joint secretary Khurshid-ul Alam Wani were also present on the occasion.



Students of St. Stephens College, New Delhi posing for photograph with Lt. Gen. DS Hooda.

Students interact with Lt Gen Hooda

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: The students and teachers of St Stephens College, New Delhi, who are on the tour to Jammu region, organised by Rashtriya Rifles Battalion under the aegis of Counter Insurgency Force (Delta) today interacted with Lieutenant General DS Hooda, General Officer Commanding (GOC), White Knight Corps at Nagrota.

During interaction, the students shared their experience with Lt Gen Hooda.

GOC exhorted the youth to step out in future as well as to see the culture, diversity and uniqueness of the State and also witness the rapid strides being made by all the youth across the State.

Elegant Jayawardene guides Sri Lanka to 253/8 against Australia

LONDON, June 17:

Veteran Mahela Jayawardene brought all his experience into play as he struck an unbeaten 84 to guide Sri Lanka to a respectable 253 for eight in their ICC Champions Trophy match against Australia here today.

Jayawardene made his runs off 81 balls and was involved in an useful partnership of 65 for the sixth wicket with Dinesh Chandimal, who contributed 31 off 32 balls.

Australia will need to chase down the target in 29.1 overs to ensure a place in the semifinals from group A alongside England.

The Lankans held the edge at the break, but in the event of Australia winning the game after 29.1 overs, New Zealand will be through.

Sent into bat, Sri Lanka were off to a poor start losing two wickets with just 20 runs on the board.

The islanders lost Kusal Perera early, seamer Mitchell Johnson

having the left-handed batsman trapped in front of the wicket.

Clint McKay took the big wicket of Kumar Sangakkara when he had the experienced Sri Lankan batsman, trying to play his trademark shot through the cover region, caught by Glen Maxwell.

Tillakaratne Dilshan and Lahiru Thirimanne added 72 runs for the third wicket to steady the ship, before left-arm spinner Xavier Doherty sent back the opener, caught at slip by a diving Shane Watson for a 58-ball 34.

Diving to his right, Watson picked the ball low and one-handed. After labouring his way to a patient 57 off 86 balls, Thirimanne was done in by Johnson as he pulled a short and quick delivery outside off to Watson at midwicket. He hit four boundaries during his knock.

By the Thirimanne got out, Sri Lanka had made 128 for four, and it was time for Jayawardene to take charge of the situation. (PTI)

Never contacted any bookie: Jiju Janardanan

KERALA, June 17:

Indian bowler Sreesanth's friend Jiju Janardanan, who was also arrested in IPL spot-fixing

Amita Sharma, D/o Ajit Ram, W/o Atul Sharma, R/o Akhnoor, who has been declared qualified for the

Award of Degree of Master of Philosophy (M Phil) in Hindi, the result of which was declared by

University of Jammu recently. She worked on the topic "Jayanti Ranganathan Ke Upnasya Mein Nari-Jeevan" and under the supervision of Dr Anju Sharma Thappa.



He also said that all stories about his connection with the bookies are wrong. Mr Janardanan reached his house yesterday, after receiving bail in the spot fixing scam along with Sreesanth. Sreesanth reached Kerala on June 13, when he got bail and later visited Sabarimala temples. (UNI)

Benia, Jagroop share 'Sidh Swankha Kesari Dangal title'

Play games with true sportsmanship: Slathia to youth

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SAMBA, June 17: Wrestler Amin Benia of JKP and Jagroop of Amritsar today shared the historical "Sidh Swankha Kesari Dangal title" organized by Bawa Sidh Gorla Nath Ji Committee in collaboration with district administration at village Swankha, Ramgarh.

The first bout, which was fought between Wrestler Amin Benia of JKP and Jagroop Amritsar, ended in draw and both were declared winner.

On the decision of the organizing committee, Rs 25,000 was awarded to both Benia and Jagroop.

Meanwhile, the second bout was clinched by Pamma of Punjab, who crushed Tinku of Delhi.

The third bout held between Zakir Hussain of Jammu and Ranjit from Ludhiana also ended in draw.

On the occasion, Former Minister and Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Surjit Singh Slathia was the chief guest, who awarded the winners in presence of Mahant of Bawa Sidh Gorla Nath Ji Gaddi Girdhari Nath, Mahant



Wrestlers during Sidh Swankha Kesari Dangal at Swankha.

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Pir Ravi Nath, Tehsildar Vijaypur Avtar Singh Jasrotia (Nodal Officer), Rampaul Sharma, Moni Sharma, Devinder Singh and Baldev Singh, Sarpanchs, Tirath Bhagat, Manohar Lal, Ashok Kumar Angurana, Kuldeep Raj, Ashok Sharma, local populace and sports lovers.

While speaking, Slathia asked the youth to participate in the sports activities to keep their mentally and physically fit.

He said that sports plays pivotal role for overall development of the body.

Slathia impressed upon the youth to stay away from the menace of drugs. MLA asked the youth to play the games with true sportsmanship.

Slathia assured all type of help in future too for the development of sports infrastructure in the district.

In the aforesaid wrestling competition, wrestlers not only from J&K but from other states also participated and exhibited their talent. Around 115 wrestlers participated in the competition from in and outside J&K.

IPL fixing: Chandila sent to fresh police custody for 3-days

NEW DELHI, June 17:

Suspended cricketer Ajit Chandila, arrested in the IPL spot-fixing case, was today remanded in fresh police custody for three days by a Delhi court after the agency said he was required to corroborate evidence collected from other accused after invoking MCOCA.

"The matter is being investigated under the provision of Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). The prosecution is to be given full chance to unearth the entire crime. The accused is remanded in 3-days of police custody," Additional Sessions Judge Ajay Kumar Jain said.

The court directed the special cell of Delhi police to produce Chandila before it on June 20.

Meanwhile, the court also deferred hearing on the bail application of Chandila and five others to June 22 after the police informed it that some vital confessional statements of the bookies arrested in the case have to be placed on record.

Confessional statement of arrested bookie Sunil Bhatia is being recorded, while that of Ramesh Vyas, another bookie, has already been recorded, the prosecution said.

Apart from Chandila, Bhatia and Vyas, the others whose bail pleas have been deferred to June 22 are bookies Ashwani Aggarwal and Deepak Kumar and ex-Ranji player Baburao Yadav.

During the hearing, senior public prosecutor Rajeev Mohan sought fresh five days police remand of Chandila saying

that initially he was arrested in the case on May 16 and remained in police custody till May 28 after which he was remanded to judicial custody.

He further informed the court that MCOCA has been invoked against Chandila on June 3, therefore his custody is required to corroborate the evidence collected after invocation of the stringent penal law.

"For the purpose of investigating under MCOCA, accused Ajeet Chandila is required. He is found to be one of the main conspirators and his presence is required to unearth the deep rooted conspiracy of the organised crime being operated by underworld don Dawood Ibrahim and his aide Chhota Shakeel," he said.

The prosecution in their application seeking Chandila's

custody said, "During investigation, lot of supportive evidence like intercepted voice calls, two mobiles used by him (Chandila) in spot/match fixing and match fixing cash of Rs 20 lakhs..."

"He was found receiving money from many bookies, fixers in lieu of spot fixing in the cricket match."

The bookies who were in direct contact with the underworld have given money to Chandila to fix the players, the prosecution claimed.

Chandila's remand was vehemently opposed by his counsel Rakesh Kumar who said that MCOCA was invoked on June 3 "to trap us and keep us behind the bars as the court was going to grant us bail on June 4". (PTI)

Benia lifts 6th Umara

More Kesari title

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UDHAMPUR, June 17: Wrestler Benia of JKP crushed Wrestler Vikram of New Delhi and clinched 6th Annual Udhampur Umara More Kesari Dangal title, being organised by

defeated Kamalajot of Khanna, Ranjeet of Ludhiana smashed Parveen Kumar of Khanna, bout between Tinku of Ludhiana and Kulbir Singh of Kot Bawal, ended in draw, Karnail Singh of Reasi outclassed Sanjay of



Wrestlers alongwith Shiv Kumar Sharma at Udhampur on Monday.

Umara More Dangal Committee in collaboration with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association.

On the occasion, BJP senior leader Pawan Kumar Gupta was the chief guest, who awarded the winner and runner-up wrestlers in presence of Shiv Kumar Sharma, president, J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Raj Kumar Bucccha, Makhan Lal and Durga Dass.

Other results: Sagar of Delhi thrashed Rajesh Kumar of Rohtak, Haryana, Sukha of Rajasthan beat Sat Paul of Khanna, Sandeep of Delhi

Haryana, Daleep Singh of Mahore beat Sonu of Panipat, Ajay of Landen Power House trounced Shah Namaz of Panipat, Billa of Kot Bawal thrashed Pardeep of Haryana, Raju of Panipat crushed Lucky of Jammu, Zabra of Rajasthan defeated Vijay of Bai Bajaltha, Kuldeep Singh of Bamhag thrashed Mahanu of Khanna, Murad Ali of Domana Akhara defeated Sabbi of Rajasthan, Pankaj Raina of Delhi smashed Sandeep of Khanna, Babber of Panipat trounced Amjad Ali of Mallerkotla and Sandeep of Delhi outplayed Madan Singh of Reasi.



J&K players posing for photograph with Vicky Mahajan, President, Jammu and Kashmir Strength Lifting Association (JKSLA) and other officials after securing 14 medals in different categories in the All India State Strength Lifting Championship held at Lohru, Haryana recently. Adil Ashraf Khan and Faizal Paul won two gold medals, Raja Amir, Waqar Paul, Waris Gill, Raman Sharma and Manjeet Singh clinched silver medals, where as Bhanu Dev Singh and Pranav Pargal bagged bronze medals.

Squad: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Captain), Shikhar Dhawan, Virat Kohli, Suresh Raina, Dinesh Karthik, Murali Vijay, Rohit Sharma, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Irfan Pathan, Umesh Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Ishant Sharma, Amit Mishra, R Vinay Kumar. (PTI)

Indian squad for West Indies tri-series remains unchanged

NEW DELHI, June 17:

The national selectors today decided to retain the Indian squad that is currently taking part in the Champions Trophy for the upcoming tri-series in West Indies starting June 28.

The third team of the tri-series is Sri Lanka and the matches will be played in Antigua, Jamaica and Trinidad.

With the Indian team performing brilliantly in the ongoing Champions Trophy where

they have qualified for the semi-finals with an all-win record in the group league stages, any changes in the current team was simply out of question.

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