

## UWW suspends WFI for delaying elections Indian wrestlers won't play under India flag at World C'ships

NEW DELHI, Aug 24:

UWW, the world Governing body for wrestling, has suspended the WFI for not conducting its elections on time, a development which will not allow Indian grapplers to compete at the upcoming World Championships under the Indian flag.

The Indian wrestlers will have



to compete as 'neutral athletes' at the Olympic-qualifying World Championships, starting September 16 as the ad-hoc panel, led by Bhupinder Singh Bajwa, did not honour the 45-day deadline for conducting the elections.

The development has come a day before the ad-hoc panel conducts the World Championships trials in Patiala. The IOA had appointed the ad-hoc panel on April 27 and the committee was supposed to hold elections within 45 days.

UWW had on April 28 warned that it could suspend the Indian federation if the deadline to hold elections is not honoured. "The UWW communicated to the ad-hoc panel on Wednesday night that WFI has been suspended for not holding elections to its executive committee," an IOA source told. Meanwhile ad-hoc panel mem-

ber Gian Singh told that they are being kept in the dark by Bajwa on the related developments and that they are not part of decision making anymore.

"I have also heard that WFI has been suspended but I can't tell you what the ad-hoc panel will do now. Bajwa does not call us for discussion any more. I did not even know how the criteria were finalised for

the Worlds trials," Gian told. "Bajwa is too busy, it seems," he added, indicating that the ad-hoc panel has failed to properly manage issues at hand. Bajwa was contacted for a comment but he did not return calls or respond to text messages.

The Indian women's team at the recent U-20 World Championship in Amman had won the team title for the first time in the Indian wrestling history ahead of powerhouses like Japan and USA. The wrestlers earned points because they were representing their country but now at the senior world championships in Serbia, the Indians will compete as 'neutral athletes' and their performances will not be counted as India's.

The wrestlers, though, can compete under the Indian flag at the Asian Games, starting September 23 in Hangzhou, since it's the IOA

which has sent entries and not the WFI. At the Worlds, it is the WFI which has to send entries after selecting a team through trials.

Originally, the WFI was to hold elections on May 7 but the Sports Ministry had declared the process as null and void and subsequently IOA installed an ad-hoc panel to run the sport in the country. The elections have been delayed several times after that with multiple disgruntled and dis-affiliated state bodies moving the court, seeking the right to participate in the polls.

The Returning Officer had originally set July 11 as the date for WFI elections but the Assam association moved the Gauhati High Court and succeeded in getting a stay on the polls on June 25 and the next hearing was set for July 28.

However, the Andhra state association challenged the decision in the Supreme Court which quashed the Gauhati High Court decision on July 18, paving the way for the conduct of the polls.

The Returning officer then declared August 12 as the new poll date but a day before the elections, Punjab and Haryana High Court stayed the process on an application moved by Haryana Wrestling Association (HWA), which was led by Deepinder Singh Hooda before being suspended by WFI.

HWA had challenged the move to allow Haryana Amateur Wrestling Association to cast votes in the WFI polls. Now this case is also pending in the Supreme Court and is likely to be heard on Friday. (PTI)



Younis Kuchey aiming at the target during quarterfinal Snooker league match at Srinagar.

## 28th Srinagar District Snooker C'ship Quarterfinal league matches held

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 24: In an ongoing 28th Srinagar District Snooker Championship, the league matches of quarter finals were held here today.

Waseem Iqbal defeated Umer ul Islam by 28-80, 72-14, 67-60, Mudasir Ashiq defeated Umer Himayun by 35-60, 68-37, 76-37, and Younis Kuchey defeated Amir Khan by 67-21 and 68-35 in Sr. Snooker quarter final matches.

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## Jhonty overwhelms Auqib's efforts to fashion 4-wkt victory for Delhi

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 24: Delhi's talented young ambidextrous cricketer Jhonty Sidhu held his nerves when it mattered the most at a crucial juncture against a disciplined J&K bowling attack to fashion 4-wicket victory for Delhi in the

trouble at 33/4 including the wicket of first innings' centurion Anuj Rawat.

However, Sidhu along with Sumit (33) Hrithik Shokeen (22), Ayush Badoni (12) and Pranshu (10\*) took the team out of troubling waters to finally register a crucial win.

For J&K, Auqib Nabi was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 important wickets by conceding 43 runs in 12 overs, while Umar Nazir, Abid Mushtaq and Shubham Khajuria claimed one wicket each. J&K will take on Mumbai in the next outing on August 27, 2023.

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Hilal Zargar as Manager, P Krishan Kumar as Coach, Sunny Kumar as Strength & Conditioning Coach, Chirag Pandya as Physio and Sahil Magotra as Performance/Video Analyst.



Man of the match being presented cheque of Rs 10,000.

match of prestigious All India Buchi Babu Invitational Cricket Tournament at Salem Cricket Foundation Ground, Tamil Nadu.

Coming in at number-7 when Delhi were struggling at 67/5 while chasing a target of 156 runs on the fourth and final day of the match, Jhonty Sidhu, who had scored classic 65 runs in the first innings, again dazzled with the willow, scoring masterful unbeaten 52 runs off 70 balls to script much needed win for Delhi. He hit the ball with fluid grace and utter brilliance and struck 2 fours and 4 massive sixes in his brilliant knock.

Earlier, Delhi began the chase of a modest total on a disastrous note as speedster Auqib Nabi was lethal with the ball, removing top order cheaply to put Delhi in deep

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## APS BD Bari organizes Art Exhibition

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Aug 24: Army Public School (APS) BD Bari



Brigadier SK Goswami, Chairman Army Public School, BD Bari inspecting art exhibition by interacting with students.

painting craft and digital art. Each artwork was a testament to the students' dedication, passion, and unique artistic voices displaying rich imagination, skill, and expression.

Neeta Rawal, Principal Army Public School BD Bari encouraged the children to keep balance in both academics and Co-Curricular activities. She said, the Colors of Creativity in this exhibition reflect our commitment to fostering a well-rounded education that nurtures both academic and artistic excellence.

Niharika Sharma (IX-D), a student of Delhi Public School Jammu brought laurels to the school and her parents by winning gold medal in Judo Championship-2023 organized by J&K Judo Association recently. She also bagged silver medal in State Judo Championship-2023 held at Sports Complex, Jammu.

Neetan Sharma S/o late Urmila Rani and Inder Kumar R/o Kootah, Tehsil Hiranagar, District Kathua (J&K), has been declared qualified for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering and Technology from Baba Gulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri. He worked on the topic 'Implementation of MPPT Technique to Enhance the Efficiency of Axial Oriented Solar Photovoltaic Panel' under the supervision of Dr. Vinod Puri Assistant Professor, Department of EE, SoET, BGSBU, Rajouri.

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## MIER College organizes prize distribution function

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 24: The Co-Curricular Committee of School of Education at MIER College of Education organized annual prize distribution function at its campus here today to honour the student achievers in various categories.

Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, University of Jammu, was the chief guest and Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson MIER, was the guest of honour on this occasion. Prof. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal emphasized the significance of recognizing and encouraging exceptional achievements of students with a wide array of awards ranging from academic distinctions, co-curricular achievements and excellence in research.

The following categories awards were Most Regular Student Award, Budding Researcher Award, Gender Champions Award, Best NSS Volunteer Award, Best Community Campaigner Award, Co-curricular Excellence Award, Eco-warrior Award, etc. The faculty members who developed Blended Learning Courses under the Commonwealth of Learning project were also facilitated by the EdTech Award.

Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson MIER said that the



Dignitary receiving memento from School management.

college continues to make strides in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow by fostering a holistic approach to education that not only focuses on academic achievements but also encourages personal growth and societal contributions.

Prof. Rahul Gupta highlighted that MIER College has, in a true sense, implemented NEP 2020 and is bridging the gap between theory and practice. Prof. Gupta said practical knowledge is more important than theoretical knowledge, which is crucial for stepping into the world of work. He also praised the infrastructure and use of educational technology at MIER College by the students and faculty members. A memento was presented to the chief guest as a token of appreciation.

Prof. Rohnika Sharma, HoD School of Education, presented

a formal vote of thanks to the guests, achievers, faculty members and students on the occasion. The programme was well coordinated and compered by Komal Sharma, Convener, Co-curricular committee of the college.

## Baramulla defeats Pulwama by 8-1

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 24: In an ongoing Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Tournament held at Srinagar, District Baramulla made it a one-sided contest by defeating Pulwama by 8-1 to advance in the ongoing tournament.

Hardeep remained star of the day, scoring three goals striking in the seventh, 20th and 48th minute of the match. Earlier, Pawan Singh opened the account for Baramulla with the very third minute of the play. Shahid (10th), Ravinder (42nd), Gurpreet Singh (59th) and Harshdeep (60th) were other scorers.

From district Pulwama, Ariz was the lone scorer, who salvaged some pride thus reducing the margin in the dying 58th minute of the game. Hardeep Singh, who struck thrice was an obvious choice for the man of the match title.

Kuldeep Handoo, International player and Dronacharya awardee was the chief guest while others were present on the occasion were Lt Col Keerti Kumar, Gurdeep Singh Sangral and Avtar Singh Bakshi from Hockey J&K.

Hardeep Singh from Baramulla was declared as man of the match. The match was officiated by Ranjit Singh and Karanjit Singh and Charanjit Singh was match observer. Gurjit Singh, Iqbal Singh and Ali Mohd acted as Technical members.

The tournament has been sponsored by the Indian Army under the aegis of Hockey J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

## Nat'l Speedball C'ship J&K emerges overall champion, wins 32 medals

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 24: J&K Speed Ball team emerged as an overall champion in the National Speed Ball Championship held at New Delhi.

A contingent of 35 players from Jammu and Kashmir represented the Union Territory at 11th Sub-Junior and Junior National Speedball Championship held at Sports Complex, New Delhi where they won overall champions trophy by winning 10 gold, nine silver and 13 bronze medals in the championship.

There were 250 players from eight states who took part in the championship. Rajasthan remained as 1st runner up while Delhi secured 2nd runner up position in the championship. Pooja Malhotra, Founder Patron J&K Speed Ball applauded efforts of the players and their chief coach Sunny Nanda.

The medal winners were Eklavya Mohan Bargaotra, Hari Om Sharma, Natanshveer Singh Jamwal, Utkarsh Dev Singh, Shiv Rudhar Pratap, Shivam Chandan, Shaurya Veer Singh, Koushki Charak, Megha Pathania, Aryana Choudhary, Hitashi Pathania, Kashi Narayania, Aahil Anand, Manvendra Singh, Sannath Andotra, Lavya Mahajan, Tanshiq Mahajan, Daksh Rasotra, Banshika Rasotralpsk, Sushant Thakur, Kapish Dogra, Ayush Sharma, Shivam Lachiyale, Rehaan, Prafull Kumar, Tanmay Verma, Ishant Manhotra, Divanshu Tandan, Jaspreet Singh, Sayam Gupta, Mohd Arshad, and Dhruv Choudhary.

## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD (R&B) UDHAMPUR- REASI CIRCLE UDHAMPUR NOTICE INVITING TENDERS NIT No. 28 of 2023-24 Dated 19/08/2023 (e-tendering)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on Percentage rate from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs.₹)	Earnest Money (in Rs.₹)	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of 30 Mtr. span motorable bridge with approaches at bhaga pai nullah Reasi.	189.57	3000	2% of advertised cost	24 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 02/09/2023	"A" Class
2	Construction of 40 Mtr. span motorable bridge with approaches over nullah Alliya Pyt. Alliya at Pouri Reasi.	193.00	3000	2% of advertised cost	24 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 02/09/2023	"A" Class

Position of AAA :- Accorred

Position of T.S :- Accorred

Major Head of Account :- BRIDGE SECTOR

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	19/08/2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 19/08/2023 to 01/09/2023 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	28/08/2023 at 1200 Hrs. in the Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur.
4	Bid submission Start Date	19/08/2023 from 1500 Hrs.
5	Bid Submission End Date	01/09/2023 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	02/09/2023 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Udhampur - Reasi Circle Udhampur and upload the same in treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to in the Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of LI be submitted to the Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur. at the time of allotment.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential-submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Reasi-Udhampur, Circle Udhampur. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

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## Sarmad Hafeez e-inaugurates various sports projects in Jammu

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 24: Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez today e-inaugurated 15 projects completed in the Jammu division under the Capex budget by the J&K Sports Council, and dedicated the newly laid up sports facilities to the youth of J&K.

Director Youth Services, and Sports Department, Subash C. Chibber; Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul and other senior officers of YSS department were also present on the occasion.

## J&K beats AP, loses to Haryana in Sr Men Inline Hockey Federation Cup

JAMMU, Aug 24:

The host Jammu and Kashmir men's team defeated Andhra Pradesh but lost to Haryana on the opening day of the four-day Inline and Roller Hockey National Federation Cup Championship underway at Maulana Azad Rink Stadium here today.



Players in action during opening day of Inline and Roller Hockey National Federation Cup Championship at Maulana Azad Rink Stadium in Jammu on Thursday.(UNI)

As per the results, in Inline Hockey event, Jammu and Kashmir senior men team out-classed Andhra Pradesh in an almost one-sided affair by 8-2 but in the second match, they lost to Haryana by 2-4.

In other matches (senior men's category): Chandigarh beat Rajasthan 3-0; Punjab beat Telangana by 6-1.

In the senior women category, Chandigarh beat Telangana by

Secretary said that the aim is to expand the base of sports facilities across the Union Territory. He added that this unprecedented boost to sporting infrastructure is aimed at promoting sports culture and proactively engaging youth in sports and fitness activities, besides tapping the raw talent for professional training and transformation into international calibre athletes.

Sarmad Hafeez directed for the optimal utilization of infrastructure by organizing regular sports activities across the union territory and purposefully engaging the youth in these facilities. He also directed the concerned to ensure the upkeep, maintenance, and cleanliness of all sports stadiums and promote their usage by a greater number, besides, installing proper signage for easy identification and public awareness.

The Secretary also gave directions for regular monitoring of its asset utilization by analyzing the number of hours played, the number of games organized, and the number of players engaged at each facility. He also asked to lay special focus on organizing special talent hunt programs at the block level and across the Union Territory.

The projects inaugurated today are in the various zones of the Jammu division, stretching from RS Pura to Basohli and Billawar to Mahanagar and as far as Baderwah covering five districts of the province.

The sports-related infrastructural projects have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 446.96 lakhs and include construction of one Basketball court, four synthetic Volleyball courts, and other developmental projects relating to improvement of existing approachable roads to some sports facilities, construction of pavilion block, laying of Cricket Pitch and two Wrestling centres, among others.

Secretary Sports Council appreciated the administration for its support to J&K Sports Council in connecting the youth of the Union Territory of J&K through sports. She said that we have players from south Kashmir reaching the northern part to participate in the sports events and likewise players from Kathua reaching Baderwah, which became only possible due to the stretching out of sporting facilities across the Union Territory.



Students of Rope Skipping posing for photograph in Jammu.

## Rope Skipping C'ship commences

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 24: The 13th District Jammu Rope Skipping Championship-2023 commenced here today at Kotli Bhawan Rehari, Jammu which was organised by Rope Skipping Association of Jammu and Kashmir (RSAJK).

Around four hundred students from 20 different Schools and Club from Jammu are participating in championship. In the 1st day of the championship students competed with each other with great zeal and enthusiasm.

The closing ceremony was

chaired by Tarsem Sharma, Founder Rope Skipping Association of Jammu and Kashmir (RSAJK) and Treasurer Rope Skipping federation of India who were special guests for the event.

The whole championship was technically supervised by Danish Sharma, Technical Director, Rope Skipping Association of J&K along with Harsh Vardhan Raina Organising Secretary and District Jammu Rope Skipping Association along with their senior officials. At last students were felicitated for their achievement with medals.

## Judo C'ship cum selection trials from Sept 5

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 24: The Judo Association of Jammu Kashmir is going to organize the Jammu District Judo Championship cum selection trials of Senior Boys and Girls on September 5 at Indoor Sports Complex, MA Stadium Jammu.

The championship is being organized by Jammu District Judo Association under the aegis of J&K Sports Council and Olympic Association. The organizers have asked all the Judokas to report to the concerned coaches along with an entry form and Aadhar card.