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A view of the arrival of Hon'ble CM J&K at the venue during the closing ceremony of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009

JAMMU & KASHMIR POLICE HOSTED 10 ALL INDIA POLICE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

The 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship was organized by Jammu & Kashmir Police from November 23 to 27, 2009 at Jammu. 17 teams comprising of 79 players ranging from Dy.SP to DGP ranks from 10 States and 7 Central Police Organizations competed in three events of the Championship. During the championship 100 matches were played at nine venues in Jammu. The teams who participated in the championship were from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, H.P., J&K, Karnataka, M.P, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, U.P, W.Bengal, IB & AIPSCB, RPF, SPG(Special Protection Group), SSB, ITBP, CRPF and BSF.



A view of the inaugural ceremony of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009 at Gulshan Ground Jammu on November 23, 2009

Inaugural ceremony

The inaugural ceremony of the championship was held at Gulshan Ground, Jammu on November 23, 2009. Shri S.S.Kapur, Chief Secretary, J&K who was the Chief Guest on the occasion declared the championship open in a colourful and well attended function.

While wishing the visiting teams all success, the Chief Guest at the inaugural function also wished for visitors comfortable stay in the hospitable environment of the winter capital of the state.



A view of the Release of Souvenir of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009 on the inaugural ceremony on November 23, 2009



Shri S.S. Kapur Chief Secretary J&K addressing the dignitaries during the inaugural function of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009 at Gulshan Ground Jammu on November 23, 2009.



Shri S.S. Kapur Chief Secretary J&K shaking hands with the senior police officers during inaugural function of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009 on November 23, 2009

Recalling his school days when Indian Tennis was at its peak, Shri S.S.Kapur compared the old heroes with present generations of Mahesh Bhupathi, Leander peas and Sania Mirza.

The Chief Secretary lauded the role of J&K Police in promoting sports in the militancy infested State despite their pre-occupation in fighting militancy and protecting lives and property of the people.

Earlier, Shri Kuldeep Khoda IPS, Director General of Police, J&K in his welcome address thanked Shri S.S.Kapur, Chief Secretary, J&K for being with the force on the inaugural function of the 10th All India Police lawn Tennis Championship.

During the address, the DGP J&K also extended an open invitation to the lawn Tennis lovers preferably the young tennis enthusiasts of the State that the infrastructure raised by the J&K Police for the ongoing meet is open for the young men and women desirous of excelling in the game.

Since the state has hardly enough to offer, we are in the process of contemplating a comprehensive plan in association with J&K Lawn Tennis Association to provide coaching to desirous boys and girls in near future - DGP J&K added.

Shri Dilbag Singh IPS, Inspector General of Police, Armed Police, J&K,

the Organizing Secretary of the 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship-2009 while presenting the vote of thanks on the occasion expressed his gratitude to the Chief Guest and other higher ranked serving and retired police officers for gracing the occasion. A Souvenir of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009 was also released by the Chief Guest on the occasion.



Shri Kuldeep Khoda IPS DGP J&K flanked by Shri Dilbag Singh IPS IGP Armed J&K addressing the gathering during the inaugural ceremony of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009 on November 23, 2009

**GLIMPSES OF THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF
10TH ALL INDIA POLICE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP**



*Shri S.S Kapur Chief Secretary J&K and
Shri Kuldeep Khoda IPS DGP J&K releasing the pigeons*



*Shri Kuldeep Khoda IPS DGP J&K presenting the memento
to Shri S.S Kapur Chief Secretary J&K*



*Shri J.P Singh IPS SSP Crime Jammu taking the oath
on the opening day of the championship*

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"We swear that we will take part in 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship in fair competition, respecting the regulations, which govern them and with the desire to participate in them in true spirit of sportsmanship for the honour of our nation and glory of sports".



A view of the line up of the participating teams of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009 on the inaugural ceremony on November 23, 2009 at Gulshan Ground Jammu

Closing ceremony

The 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship concluded with the holding of valedictory function at Gulshan Ground, Jammu on November 27, 2009.

Shri Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister J&K was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

While addressing the participants and other dignitaries present on the occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister stressed the need for large scale participation of young men and women in sports as sports activities play a vital role in inculcating team spirit and discipline among young people.

We want our youth to participate in all events and earn name and fame for the state - Hon'ble C.M.maintained.

Hon'ble Chief Minister informed that two cricket stadiums of international standards, one each in Jammu and Srinagar, are proposed and in this connection feasible locations are being identified .

Besides cricket, equal attention needs to be paid on promoting games like Football, Hockey, Volleyball, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis etc— Hon'ble C.M said.

The department of Youth Services & Sports has been directed to focus on creating wide ranging sports infrastructure across the state as the government has earmarked adequate funds in the current years plan for the purpose at the district level--- Hon'ble CM added.



Shri Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister J&K addressing the gathering during the closing ceremony of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship at Jammu on November 27, 2009

Later, Hon'ble Chief Minister gave away prizes to the winner and the runner-up teams and also to the individuals.

Earlier, while welcoming the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Kuldeep Khoda IPS DGP J&K who was also the Chairman of the organizing committee gave resume of the All India Police meet and also mentioned initiatives undertaken by Jammu and Kashmir police to promote sports.

Our sports personnel are also taking part in adventure sports and we have prepared two teams to scale Kolahoi and Kailash peaks this year while one of our officers, SI Ram Singh has already scaled Mount Everest----- DGP J&K added. The DGP also disclosed that the police Department has raised some infrastructure which would be made available to the school and collage students besides providing coaching facilities so that lawns tennis gets a major fillip in the state.



Shri Devinder Rana, Political Advisor to Hon'ble CM (2nd from right in front row), serving and retired police officers witnessing the closing ceremony on November 27



Shri Omar Abdullah, Hon'ble Chief Minister J&K presenting mementoes to the participants of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship at Jammu during the closing ceremony on November 27, 2009

Shri Dilbag Singh IPS IGP Armed J&K, Organizing Secretary of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship presented the vote of

thanks and gave details of the event. He expressed gratitude for the assistance and help provided by the All India Lawn Tennis Association,

J and K Lawn Tennis Association and other organizations in making the event a success.



Hon'ble Chief Minister J&K and DGP J&K handing over the AISCB flag to Shri Dilbag Singh IPS IGP Armed J&K during the closing ceremony of the 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009 at Gulshan Ground Jammu on November 27, 2009

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MATCHES PLAYED DURING THE 10TH ALL INDIA POLICE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP-2009 AT JAMMU FROM NOVEMBER 23 TO 27, 2009.

The championship, which was declared open by Shri S.S.Kapur, Chief Secretary, J&K on November 23rd, 2009 witnessed over 100 matches played by 79 players of 17 teams in three events i.e. Team Championship, Open Singles & Doubles and Veteran Singles & Doubles

Team Championship (Round Robin League)

- Uttar Pradesh beat Madhya Pradesh 2-0
- CRPF defeated J&K Police 7-0;
- CRPF trounced Uttar Pradesh 7-4
- Andhra Pradesh thrashed Himachal Pradesh 7-0
- Andhra Pradesh beat Tamil Nadu 7-2
- BSF trounced Himachal Pradesh 7-0.
- BSF got walk over Chhattisgarh;
- Punjab defeated Assam 7-1
- West Bengal trounced SSB 7-6;
- ITBP thrashed SPG 7-6.
- Formidable Punjab Police repeated their last year's performance taking away three important titles in the 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Gazetted Officers Championship.
- J&K Police lost to CRPF 7-0.

J&K Police team comprised of Shri M.K.Mohanty, IPS Transport Commissioner J&K, Shri Ashkoor Ahmad Wani IPS, Commandant IRP 6th Bn, Shri J.P.Singh IPS SSP Crime Jammu, Shri Sanjay Kotwal, SP, Vigilance, Jammu, Shri Ajit Singh Salaria SP Dy. CO IRP 13th Bn., Shri Liaqat Ali, Dy.SP, Rajouri and Shri Ranjit Singh Dy.SP, Bhawan (Katra) participated in the championship.

- After edging past hosts JKP, CRPF notched up another win against UP.
- Earlier, UP scripted a thumping win against MP in the inaugural tie.

BSF also came up with a flawless performance beating HP and Chhattisgarh quite convincingly.

■ Andhra Pradesh subdued Himachal Pradesh followed it up with another resounding win against Tamil Nadu.

■ Punjab dispatched Assam whereas West Bengal got the better of SSB.

■ ITBP had last laugh against SPG. Guiding their side to take home the team championship trophy the duo of Ashish Kapoor and S.M Sharma also clinched the open singles and doubles titles. It was eighth singles title in the All India Police games for Ashish, who is Deputy Superintendent with Punjab Police.

■ In the matches played on the final day, Punjab Police once again proved its supremacy by retaining the team championship while ITBP had to settle for second spot.

■ It was a thorough professional performance throughout the prestigious sporting extravaganza by the Punjab Police team which have the likes of Ashish Kapoor, bronze

medalist in the World Police Game.

■ In the open singals event, Ashish Kapoor(Punjab) dispatched Rajesh Sharma (ITBP) while in the Doubles event, the duo of Ashish Kapoor and S M Sharma (Punjab) got the better of K V Gagandeep(Karnataka) and Vikram Dev Singh (BSF).

■ PC Lallawan (Timal Nadu) and S M Sharma (Punjab) were declared joint winner in the veteran singles.

■ The doubles events followed the same script as P Madhusudan Rao and R Illango (Timal Nadu) were declared joint winners.

The Punjab team comprised of S M Sharma (ADGP), Yurinder Singh (Dy Dir), Ashish Kapoor (Dy SP), Rashpal Singh (Dy SP), and Dr. Arun Sharma (Manger).

■ Runner-up ITBP team comprised of Ishan Pradeep (DIG and team manger-cum captain), S S Hartha (DIG), Rajesh Sharma (Commandant), Manmohan Guleria(2nd In -Command) and Baljinder Singh (Deputy Commandant).



The dare devils of J&K Police displaying the banner of 10th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship 2009 during the closing ceremony

