

Jammu Sahodaya Athletics Meet (u-19) boys & girls 2023-24 begins



Glances of opening ceremony of Jammu Sahodaya Schools Athletic Meet (U-19) Boys & Girls 2023-24 at Sainik School Nagrota on Thursday.

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JAMMU: The prestigious Jammu Sahodaya Schools Athletic Meet (U-19) Boys & Girls 2023-24 officially commenced on Thursday with a spectacular opening ceremony hosted by Sainik School Nagrota.

This three-day sporting extravaganza is taking place from October 26 to 28, 2023, at Maj Somnath Sharma PVC Stadium, and promises to be an exceptional showcase of young athletic talent.

The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Rajesh Rathore, President of Jammu Sahodaya Schools

Complex (JSSC) and Principal of JK Public School, Kunjwani, Jammu, as the Chief Guest.

Accompanying him were the Guests of Honour: Dr. Vijay Puri, Academic Director of Shemford Futuristic School, Jammu; Dr. KCS Mehta, Academic Director of IDPS, Akhnoor; and KL Dogra, Principal of MV International School, Vijaypur.

The opening ceremony was marked by the warm welcome extended by Capt. (IN) AK Desai, the Principal of Sainik School Nagrota, to the guests and participants. A

colourful and inspiring march past was led by Cadet Arush Verma, the School Cadet Captain, setting the tone for the spirited competition ahead.

The lighting of the torch added a symbolic touch to the occasion, signifying the commencement of the games. Cadet Hardik Pandey, the School Sports Captain, administered the oath, emphasizing the spirit of fair play and respect for fellow competitors.

This year's edition of the Jammu Sahodaya Schools Athletic Meet has brought together approximately 400

athletes from 20 CBSE-affiliated schools within the Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex. These young athletes will compete in various track and field events, showcasing their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship.

Sainik School Nagrota, the host institution, enters the competition as the reigning champions. Their success in the previous edition of this meet, which was also hosted by Sainik School Nagrota in 2019, has set the bar high for the competing schools.

The first day's events featured a series of exciting heats and finals. The track

events included 200m, 400m, and 4x100m relay for girls, as well as the 800m and 3000m run finals for girls. On the field, athletes competed in Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, and the 5000m run final for boys.

Cadet Angel Choudhary of Sainik School Nagrota won gold in 3000 m run and Long Jump events for girls. Fazeel Nisa of Doon International School stood second and Ridhampreet Kour of Unique International Public School stood third.

Cadet Peavel Rani won silver in Long Jump. In 800m

run for girls, Cadet Nema Kunzes of Sainik School Nagrota clinched Gold and Cadet Stanzin Kunsal won Silver.

In Shot Put event for Girls, Vomika Sharma of JK Public School bagged Gold. The 200m run for Girls ended with Cadet Kriti Sharma winning Gold and Cadet Gouri Priya bagging Silver medal.

In Boys category, Cadets Harshdeep and Hardik Pandey of the host school opened the medal tally with Gold and Silver in Long Jump. Bronze was bagged by Master Digvijay Singh of JK

Public School.

The highlight of the first day was school record breaking timings clocked by both Cadet Vibhum Pandey (14:35:75) and Cadet Harshit (15:41:38) in 5000m run fetching Gold and Silver for Sainik School Nagrota while Dev Singh Jamwal of IDPS Akhmoor stood Third.

In Triple Jump for Boys, Cadet Ikhlq Hassan brought Gold for the host school while Cadet Ankit finished second with Silver.

In Shot Put for Boys, JK Public School Kunjwani dominated as Saksham Gupta

and Faizal Akbar won Gold and Silver respectively. Cadet Nikunj Pratap Singh had to be content with Bronze.

Discus Throw witnessed Cadet Upkar Shukla lifting Gold, Saksham Gupta Silver and Cadet Sarthak Kumar Shukla Bronze.

As the Jammu Sahodaya Schools Athletic Meet (U-19) Boys & Girls 2023-24 unfolds over the next two days, it promises to be a remarkable showcase of athleticism and sportsmanship. The event brings together the youth of the region to foster a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie.

India creates history in Asian Para Games, takes tally to record 82 medals with 2 days left

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HANGZHOU: Indian para athletes on Thursday created history by winning the highest number of medals in the Asian Para Games, taking the country's tally to 82, including 18 gold.

India have now gone past the earlier best of 72 medals achieved in the 2018 edition in Indonesia.

India added 18 medals, including three gold, on Thursday.

India's medals tally stood at 18 gold, 23 silver and 41 bronze at the end of the fourth day of competitions.

India's position in the medals tally, however, dropped two places to eight, as not too many gold medals were won on Thursday.

South Korea and Indonesia moved ahead of India in the medals tally led by China (156 gold, 128 silver, 108 bronze).



With two more days left in the Games, the country is on course of achieving its target of 100 medals in this edition of the Games.

India had won 72 medals (15 gold, 24 silver, 33 bronze) in the last edition in Jakarta which was the best before the Hangzhou Games.

Eight medals, including one gold, were won by track and field athletes on Thursday.

Overall, athletics contributed 45 medals out of

India's total of 82, and 14 gold out of the country's total of 18 so far.

Sachin Sarjerao Khilari won the first gold of the day in men's F46 shot put with a Games record throw of 16.03m while Rohit Kumar took the bronze with 14.56m.

Para shooter Sidhartha Babu then bagged another gold in R6 mixed 50m rifle prone SH1 event as he shot an Asian Para Games score of 247.7.

The compound mixed

team of Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar won a gold after defeating their Chinese counterparts Lin Yueshan and Ai Xinliang 151-149 in the final.

India also won a bronze medal in archery men's doubles W1 event with the pair of Adil Mohamed Nazir Ansari and Naveen Dalal defeating the Kazakh pair of Nurshat Toleukassym and Sagdat Duisembayev 125-120.

Simran and Bhagyashri Madhavrao Jadhav won a silver each in women's T12 100m and women's F34 shot put respectively. Simran clocked 26.12 seconds while Jadhav cleared 7.54m.

Monu Ghangas also picked up a silver in men's F11 discus throw with an effort of 37.87m.

Narayan Thakur won a bronze in men's T35 100m with a time of 14.37 seconds.

Shreyansh Trivedi also took a bronze in men's T37 100m with a time of 12.24 seconds.

Muthuraja also won a bronze in the men's F55 shot put with a throw of 10.42m.

In para badminton, Sukant Indukant Kadam (men's singles SL4), Sivan Nithya Sumathy (women's singles SH6), Manisha Ramadass (women's singles SU5), Mandep Kaur/Manisha Ramadass (women's doubles SL3-SU5), Krishna Nagar/Sivarajan Solaimalai (men's doubles SH6) and Pramod Bhagat/Sukant Indukant Kadam (men's doubles SL3-SL4) won a bronze medal each after losing their respective semifinal matches.

In chess, Bhaveshkumar Rathi Himanshi picked up a bronze in women's individual standard VI-B1 event.

DC XI triumphs over SSP XI in T20 match

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RAJOURI: In a display of unity and sportsmanship, the District Administration Rajouri on Thursday organised a friendly match between DC XI and SSP XI in which DC XI emerged victorious against the SSP XI in a thrilling T20 match held at the Sports Stadium Kheora. The match was a significant event organized on the theme of Nasha Mukht Abhiyan to commemorate JK UT Foundation Day.

The match brought together civil administration officers/officials and police administration officers/officials, highlighting the power of sports to bridge gaps and foster camaraderie among different sections of society. Cricket enthusiasts from all walks of life gathered to witness this exciting clash, which symbolized the spirit of resilience,



Deputy Commissioner XI team in jubilant mood after receiving winner trophy.

determination, and personal growth. The tournament aims to channelize the boundless energy of our youth in the right direction, promoting their holistic development and creating a stronger, more vibrant society. Through the medium of sports, the event conveyed a powerful message about the pivotal role of sports in combating the drug menace and building a healthy

community. The DC XI, led by the Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, showcased exceptional skills and teamwork throughout the match. The team's Vice-captain, ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria, played a crucial role in guiding and motivating the players to give their best on the field.

The DC XI team members exhibited commendable sportsmanship, showcasing their commitment to fair play and the spirit of the game. The team was composed of officers and officials from the civil administration, including DPO Rajouri, Anil Nuvaid, DSWO Rajouri, Abdul Rahim, BDO Darhal, Mohd Aamir, Jr Asstt, Mudasir Dar, Jr Assistant, Suhail Dar, teacher, Rahil Iqbal, Patwari, Shezad Ahmed, Mohd Owais, and Mehmood Ahmed.

Facing a tough challenge, the SSP XI exhibited remarkable sportsmanship and a never-give-up attitude. The team members including ASP Ravi Giri, AC Jatinder from 72 Bn CRPF, DySP Shamini Kumar, DySP Deepak Jasrotia, Inspector Aashiq Hussain, SI Kulvinder Dev, PSI Sahil Sharma, PSI Shezad Ali, PSI

Kunal Kumar, PSI Rajat Sharma, PSI Rajat Jasrotia, and PSI Rahul Dogra contributed to the spirited effort of the team.

The match witnessed thrilling moments, showcasing the exceptional talent of the players and their commitment to the game. It served as a platform to celebrate the spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie, bringing together individuals from diverse professional backgrounds.

This cricket match between the DC XI and SSP XI stands as a testament to the power of sports in fostering unity, promoting physical well-being, and nurturing a sense of belonging within the community. It serves as an inspiration for future generations, encouraging them to embrace sportsmanship, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence.

KCIS hosts Inter School Cricket Tournament



A dignitary talking to reporter at a cricket tournament.

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JAMMU: Keeping the spirit of sportsmanship alive, KC International School hosted an Inter School Cricket Tournament where in 14 prestigious schools of J&K participated with great excitement.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Rajesh Gill, Chief Prosecutor Officer Doda, who was a former Ranji player, Special Guest, Dheeraj Singh, owner of CAP Academy.

The Guests of Honour on the occasion were Baljinder

Pal Singh, Divisional Sports Officer J&K Sports Council, President KCIS, Chaitanya Chowdhary and the Principal, Anupama Sinha.

Rajesh Gill declared the event open and the day began with the first match which was played between KC Gurukul School and KC International School. KC International School won the toss and decided to field first. The second match of the day will be played between SGSD and Saint Xavier Convent School.

Reyaz of JKP to officiate in National Games

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JAMMU: Reyaz Ahmad of Jammu and Kashmir has been invited as technical official in the ongoing 37th National Games at Goa.

Former athlete and Cross Country coach of the J&K Police Central team, Reyaz on Thursday left for the venue along with other technical officials invited from J&K.

J&K Archery meet from Nov 5

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JAMMU: Archery Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold J&K UT Archery Championship at Green Playfields, Gandhi Nagar, here from November 5 to 7, 2023.

The three-day event is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC). Those interested eligible archers have been advised to contact concerned coaches at the venue to confirm the participation.

J&K Swimming team to leave for 37th National Games today



Selected swimmers posing with officials at Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Swimming contingent of Jammu and Kashmir is being flagged off on tomorrow for 37th National Games held at Goa from October 26, 2023. The programme of Swimming starts from October 29. The contingent of Swimming consist of four members i.e one male and one female swimmer from Kashmir Division while one male and one female swimmer from Jammu Division. The selection is made strictly according to the instruction of Swimming Federation of India. The players who are registered with SFI and properly allotted unique identification number after paying fees for the year 2023. J&K players are to participate on October 30 to November 3. Today the team is being photographed with Jammu Kashmir Swimming Association President Ramandeep Singh Soodan and General Secretary Bharat Kumar Sharma along with parents and incharge team Babita Jamwal who is to accompany the team.

Honey Buzzy Bee Royals lifts J&K Masters Cricket Championship

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JAMMU: Honey Buzzy Bee Royals trounced WOC Auto Daredevils by seven wickets in a thrilling context and lifted the J&K Masters Cricket Championship at Country Cricket Stadium, Ghrota here on Friday.

Haseeb Ur Rehman Deputy Inspector General of Police Railway Jammu was the Chief Guest in the Valedictory Function, Ashish Singh Managing Director of Horizon Group and Vivek Sharma former Ranji Player were the Guests of Honour while Sunil Bhagat mentor of Sunbro Warriors was the special guest.

The Chief Guest and the other dignitaries distributed prizes among the Winners and Runners Up teams.

Earlier in the summit clash, WOC Auto Daredevils won the toss and elected to



Honey Buzzy Bee Royals team receiving winner trophy from the chief guest.

bat first and scored 127 runs for the loss of eight wickets in the allotted 20 overs game.

In reply, Honey Buzzy Bee Royals chased the target in 17.3 overs. The best performances of the final match were Deepak 55 runs, Rajesh Gill 39 runs and

Vikas 36 runs while in bowling Daleep and Shamsher Singh two wickets each while Ravi Choudhary took one wicket.

Deepak was adjudged Man of the Match in final match, Manjeet Singh was declared as Best Batsman while Ravi Choudhary was adjudged as

Best Bowler and Man of the Series for his all-round performance.

In his address DIG Railway lavished praises for the Coordinators Rajesh Gill and Avinash Uttam for conducted the championship smoothly and successfully and said that the great feed

came from all the participating teams and players regarding the championship which is conducted by the J&K Veterans Cricket Association supported by J&K Police.

He further said that on the demand of participating teams announced more cricket leagues for the J&K Veterans cricketers in near future.

He also appreciated the sponsors who came forward and joined hands with J&K Veterans Cricket Association to make this event a great success.

The Championship in which eight teams namely Honey Buzzy Bee Royals, Nishal Jewellers Stars, WOC Auto Daredevils, Sunbro Warriors, Janta Sports Rangers, BMRC Superkings, KAP Smashers and JKAC Tigers partici-

pated was organized by J&K Veterans Cricket Association with the support of J&K Police.

The Chairman of the organizing committee was Arun Gupta President of the association. The coordinators of the Championship were Rajesh Gill and Avinash Uttam.

The slogan of the Championship was " Lets play & inspire all to Play" and the main objective of the Championship to involve the senior players and officers in cricket activities so that they remain fit and healthy and can share interaction with each other.

The Matches were officiated by Ashok Kumar, Raj kumar, Sebestian and Girdarilal. The proceedings of the Valedictory function was conducted by Vikrant Sharma.