

Vimaljit clinches Champion of Champion 2021 title

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JAMMU: Vimal Jit won the prestigious title of Mr. J&K 2021 and became champion of champions in the Jammu and Kashmir Body Building and Fitness Championship conducted by Body Building Association of Jammu and Kashmir (BBAJK) in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council at Teacher Bhawan Auditorium, Gandhi Nagar, here.

In all, 125 body builders participated in different categories in the Championship.

The championship was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Prof (Dr) Ashutosh Sharma, President J&K UT Olympic Association (JKOA) in presence of Secretary General JKOA Dushyant Sharma, Arun Sharma, Bhupinder Singh Treasure JKCA and Rajesh Dutta General Secretary BBAJK.

Surinder Singh Kala Narwal Mandi President and Arsolan Choudhary were the Guests of Honour.

Ashutosh congratulated to the members of the BBAJK specially



Champion of Champion Vimaljit posing with officials after receiving Mr J&K 2021 title.

Rajesh Dutta for his effort to the engage the youth of the UT in making them healthy and fit.

Others official present were Er. Sureshest Dutta and Vinay Sharma Vice President, Dr. Gunit, Nand

Kishore Sharma and Sanjay Bali. The events was judged by panel including Dr. Gunit, Sureshest Dutta, Nand Kishore, Naresh Gupta, Vikas Thapper, Ajit Singh, Javid Bhatti and Nitin Banotra.

Results

50-55 Kg: Rajat Kundal, 1st; Koushal Sethi, 2nd; Jugal Kumar, 3rd; Ashish, 4th; and Sunil, 5th. **55-60 kg:** Gorav Dogra, 1st; Sahil, 2nd; Kumar Gorav, 3rd; Stanzin, 4th; and Naresh, 5th. **60-65 kg:** Vimal Jit, 1st; Rishab Sethi, 2nd; Waqar Iqbal, 3rd; Nikhil, 4th; Ashish, 5th. **65-70 Kg:** Rohit, 1st; Abhishek, 2nd; Abhinandan, 3rd; Vishal, 4th; and Shine Ghai, 5th. **70-75 Kg:** Saksham, 1st; Aman, 2nd; Akash, 3rd; Angrez, 4th; and Palav, 5th. **75-80 Kg:** Krishan Lal, 1st; Jaivinder, 2nd; Wasim, 3rd; Anubhav, 4th; Ajay, 5th. **80-85 kg:** Imran, 1st; Sanjeev, 2nd; Davinder, 3rd; and Ranjeet, 4th. **Master Category:** Abhinandan, 1st; Naveen, 2nd; Gurpreet, 3rd.

Physique champion

Below 6 feet: Saksham, 1st; Bharat, 2nd; Imran, 3rd; Kumar Gorav, 4th; and Vishal, 5th.

Above 6 feet: Sorav, 1st; Ramji, 2nd; Rd Varun Raina, 3rd; and Moti Ram, 4th.

Women Fitness Champion: Surbhi Sharma, Gold.

J&K men Hockey team named for Nationals



Selected team posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Hockey Jammu and Kashmir today named UT team for the 11th Hockey India Senior Men Championship to be held at Pune in Maharashtra from December 11 under the banner of Hockey India.

Earlier, the Hockey J&K conducted selection trials

at Green Fields ground and picked the best stuff. The team was selected by Rajinder Singh Kuku, Chairman Selection Committee. Gurpreet Singh and Tejinder Singh shall accompany the team as coach and manager respectively.

The Team: Prabhjot Singh, Karanjit Singh,

Satwant Singh (Captain), Navjot Singh, Balmeet Singh, Jaspreet Singh, Mohd. Hussain, Ranjeet Singh, Amit Singh, Suraj Singh, Sandeep Singh, Gurjot Singh, Manpreet Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Rajesh Sharma, Ramandeep Singh, Prabhjot Singh and Gorav Raina.

18th Youth National Super Seven U-23 Cricket C'ship

J&K thrashes Vidharbha by 8-wkt in final, lifts trophy

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir won the 18th Youth National Super Seven Under-23 Cricket Championship 2021-22 organized by Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Super Seven Cricket Association under aegis of Super Seven Cricket Federation of India at MA Stadium, here on Sunday.

In the final played today, J&K defeated Vidharbha by eight wickets. Earlier batting first, Vidharbha scored 54 runs in seven overs and in reply, J&K chase the target comfortably making 55 runs in 5.3 overs for the loss of two wickets.

Earlier, in semifinal matches, J&K beat Jharkhand by ten wickets and Vidharbha outplayed Madhya Pradesh by 19 runs.

In first semifinal batting first, Jharkhand was bundled out out 46 runs and J&K chased the target without losing any wicket in 5 overs.

In second semifinal, Vidharbha, batting first, made 76 runs in allotted 7 overs. Madhya Pradesh failed to achieve the target and made only 57 runs in seven overs.

The second runner-up trophy was won by Madhya Pradesh after defeating



Senior BJP Leader and Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma and others presenting trophy to winner team.

Jharkhand by five runs. Batting first, Madhya Pradesh made 46 runs for the loss of four wickets and in reply Jharkhand could not survive and was all out on 41 runs.

In the closing ceremony, Senior BJP Leader and former Minister Sham Lal Sharma was the Chief Guest who in presence of Guests of Honour, Advocate Purnima Sharma and Narayan Singh distributed trophies and cash prizes to winner and runner-up teams.

In all, 20 teams from various states of India viz. Orissa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Vidharbha, Jharkhand, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh took part in the championship.

A cash prize of Rs 15,000 was given to winner J&K

team while a cash prize of Rs 12,000 was given to first runner-up Vidharbha team and Rs 10,000 was given to second runner-up Madhya Pradesh team. The trophies and medals were distributed to the winning teams by the Chief Guest, Sham Lal Sharma, Deputy Mayor Jammu Advocate Poornima Sharma, Mahant Rajesh Bittu and Narayan Singh.

The members of the Jammu and Kashmir Super seven Cricket Association Shashi Bhushan, Jasvinder Singh Kukku, Ajay Sharma and Satpal Majotra were congratulated by the Chief Guest for successful commencement of the 18th Youth National Super Seven Cricket Championship in Jammu without any funds and assured all sort of help in near future for organizing such championships.

Army conducts Inter-village Dangal championship

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RAJOURI: Army conducted Inter Village Dangal in village Keri under block Mathuvar of Rajouri district. A total of 48 players participated in the championship which was conducted with the theme 'Transforming Youth into Soldier', wherein the youths were provided the opportunity and guidance for their future endeavour of joining the armed forces of the country. The championship was witnessed by Chairman VDC Bagani, Anvar Khan, Sarpanch village Keri, Subedar Major (Retired) Nachattar Singh and various block representatives from village Keri, Dera Baba Banda,



Army officials presenting medal to a winner.

Kangli, Thandwar, Bagani and Mathuar. The championship was conducted in six weight category for youths under the age of 20. During the championship, a lecture was conducted on COVID-19, drugs, cyber warfare and also for guidance on joining Indian Army or any other Armed Forces.

Wushu trials held for Nationals

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JAMMU: Wushu Association of Jammu and Kashmir conducted selection trials to raise UT teams for 30th Senior National Championship at Police Academy Bhopal (MP) from December four and 21st Sub-Junior National Championship to be held at Kolkatta from January 27. The trials took place at Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, here involving around 250 players across 14 districts of J&K, a handout issued by the Association here today informed. The selection committee that picked up the teams comprised Kuldeep Handoo (chairman), Maqsood Rather, Kamal Kishore, Ajaz Hassan, Yash Pal, Faisal Ali, Nissar Mir and Lalit Singh (all members). Ajay Paul Gill, a DYSS staff, who is on deputation with J&K Sports Council (JSKC) and Ashi Jamwal, coach at the Khelo India Wushu centre, were deputed as observers by the JKSC for the selection trials.



Players competing in Wushu event during a trial.

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Guru Nanak Jayanti virtually



Students of JK Public School Panjtirthi performing various activities virtually during Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti celebrations.

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JAMMU: JK Public School Panjtirthi virtually cele-

brated Guru Nanak Jayanti -a sacred festival that celebrates the life and

birth of the great saint and the first Sikh Guru. The students apprised the

audience about the principles and teachings of the pious soul, Guru Nanak

Veteran Marathoner runs from Kashmir to Kanyakumari for soldiers



Veteran Marathoner Kumar Ajwani posing with others dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Kumar Ajwani, aged 61 has undertaken 4,444 kilometers run from J&K to Kanyakumari to spread awareness and raise funds for disabled soldiers. Set to cover the distance

over the period of 77 days, Kumar Ajwani is going to create a world record, specifically an Indian at this age.

Director Rajya Sainik Board appreciated the efforts of Kumar Ajwani

and his team for running for such a noble cause. He was flagged off from office of Rajya Sainik Board by Director, Brig Gurmeet Singh Shan at 6.30 am in the presence of a large number of ex-servicemen.

Rana releases album, lauds endeavours of young artists for promoting Dogri



BJP leader and former legislator Devender Singh Rana and other dignitaries releasing a Dogri album.

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JAMMU: BJP leader and former legislator Devender Singh Rana on Sunday lauded youngsters engaged in promotion of Dogri art and culture, saying the path breaking initiatives in popularizing the folk music in modern texture with its essence remaining intact hold promise for the sweet language.

"True that music knows no boundaries but when it comes to Dogri, it binds the people in a unique cord and generates harmony in the society", Rana said while releasing an album in Dogri, produced and written by H. R. Laknotra.

While Vibha Bharti has given voice to the song, it has been composed by Bulle Shah and Raj Hans. The song has been filmed by Vishal Magotra and Dilksha Verma, choreographed and directed by Vinay Sultan.

Rana said music transcends all boundaries, touches souls and creates an aura free of tension

and hatred. The success of artists is reflected by the serenity with which the audience resounds, he said and hoped that the album will be received well by the music lovers, who have always quest for something new and unique to be presented to them. Saying that music plays a pivotal role in preserving culture, Mr Rana hoped that young artists would get due encouragement in their endeavours in this regard. He hoped that the artists involved with the album will get adequate opportunities to showcase their talent on a bigger canvass. He said Jammu has no dearth of talent but the only need is to identify and polish it by expert hands. He also hoped that the album will inspire young artists to explore their hidden talent and make their niche in the society.

Those present on the occasion included Harish Kaila, Prof RD Sharma, Capt. Lalit Shama, Yashpal Yash, Ravi Sharma, Randhir Singh and others.

Ram Parkash wins FIDE rating Chess title



Winners posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Jammu District Chess Association and Crown Trust jointly organised European style Invitational Round Robin FIDE rated Chess Tournament at IDPS School, Sunjwan, here.

"The event was first of its kind in J&K and the initiative in this regard was taken by IDPS Chessmate to promote Chess in J&K and to provide a platform to budding local players to excel at the higher level," informed President of All J&K

Chess Association (AJKCA), Atul Kumar Gupta.

Ram Parkash, who serves with Indian Railways, won the 1st Crown Trust and IDPS chessmate FIDE Rating Chess title and received award of Rs 10,000. Krishan Soni of Postal Department remained runners-up. As many as three unrated J&K players achieved FIDE Rating in this event.

The awards presented by Atul Kumar Gupta and former J&K champion and senior player, SP Sharma. International Arbiter, Dharmendra Kumar paired all the matches while Bindu Pathania was chief arbiter for this event. Electric field was title sponsor for the event.

Rohit guides India to clean sweep in his first series as full-time captain

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KOLKATA: Rohit Sharma batted in style and led with panache to script a near perfect tale on his full-time captaincy debut as India handed T20 World Cup runners-up New Zealand the ignominy of a 3-0 series defeat after a 73-run win in the third T20 International here on Sunday.

The Indian skipper first made a statement scoring 56 off 31 balls in India's 184 for 7 and then made some immaculate captaincy calls which witnessed New Zealand's surrender for a paltry 111 runs in 17.2 overs.

It was a second back-to-back bilateral T20I series triumph with a clean sweep for India after beating the Black Caps 5-0 in their own den in 2020.

| SCORE BOARD | |
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| INDIA INNINGS | |
| Rohit Sharma (c) e & b Sodhi | 56 |
| Ishan Kishan e †Seifert b Santner | 29 |
| Suryakumar Yadav e Guptill b Santner | 00 |
| Rishabh Pant † e Neesham b Santner | 04 |
| Shreyas Iyer e Mitchell b Milne | 25 |
| Venkatesh Iyer e Chapman b Boult | 20 |
| Axar Patel not out | 02 |
| Harshal Patel hit wicket b Ferguson | 18 |
| Deepak Chahar not out | 21 |
| Extras | 09 |
| Total | 184/7 |
| NEW ZEALAND INNINGS | |
| Martin Guptill e Yadav b Chahal | 51 |
| Daryl Mitchell e HV Patel b AR Patel | 05 |
| Mark Chapman st †Pant b AR Patel | 00 |
| Glenn Phillips b AR Patel | 00 |
| Tim Seifert † run out (Ishan Kishan/†Pant) | 17 |
| James Neesham e †Pant b HV Patel | 03 |
| Mitchell Santner (c) run out (Ishan Kishan) | 02 |
| Adam Milne e Sharma b VR Iyer | 07 |
| Ish Sodhi e Yadav b HV Patel | 09 |
| Lockie Ferguson e & b Chahar | 14 |
| Trent Boult not out | 02 |
| Extras | 01 |
| Total | 111 |