

56th Junior National Artistic, 25th Rhythmic Gymnastics C'ship

# Uttar Pradesh men, West Bengal women win top ranks

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JAMMU: Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal emerged as winners in men and women section respectively in 56th Junior National Artistic and 25th Rhythmic Gymnastics championship 2021 being organized by Gymnastic Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India and J&K Olympic Association at New Gymnastics Hall, MA Stadium, here on Wednesday.

About 600 Gymnasts including officials from different states of India are participating under the control of Technical Director G.S Bawa.

The championship is now underway and the second day of the championships, the different events are covered including Men Artistic Gymnastics Team Final i.e. Uttar Pradesh-1st Rank, Maharashtra-2nd Rank, Delhi-3rd Rank, Haryana-4th Rank, Rajasthan-5th Rank and Punjab-6th Rank.

In Men Artistic Gymnastics All



Organisers presenting memento to a dignitary.

Around Finals, Jatin Kumar Kanojia (Uttar Pradesh)-1st, Aryan Davande (Maharashtra)-2nd and Diplesh Lashkari (Uttar Pradesh)-3rd.

In Women Artistic Gymnastics Team Final, West Bengal-1st, Maharashtra-2nd, Delhi-3rd, Punjab-4th, Kerala-5th and Uttar Pradesh-6th.

In Women Artistic Gymnastics All

Around Finals, Meharin S. Saj (Kerala)-1st, Sukhnoor Preet Kaur (Punjab)-2nd and Anushka Jana (West Bengal)-3rd.

Vice-President Gymnastics Federation of India and President Gymnastics Association of J&K, Kiran Wattal appreciated the performance of gymnasts who winning the medals.

The medals were distributed in

four shifts today.

In the first shift, Shilpa Gupta-National Gymnastics award winner and educationist was Guest of Honour.

In the second shift, Kuldeep Khooda (Retd) DGP and CVC was Chief Guest while Brig. Anil Gupta (Retd.) Administrator/Member JKCA and Naveen Anand MD, M/S Group of Companies were Guests of Honour.

In the third shift, Prof. Ashok Aima Vice Chancellor Central University Jammu was Chief Guest while Anil Gupta-Senior Vice-President Chamber of Commerce and Prem Sharma General Secretary Pharmacy Association were the Guests of Honour.

In the fourth shift, Kishore Singh Chib-Excise Commissioner Jammu was Chief Guest while Ranjit Singh, Deputy Commissioner Distillery Jammu and Vinay Saraf were Guests of Honour.

All the meritorious gymnasts were awarded medals and bunch of flowers.

# Jammu Bike Fest on Nov 27, 28

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JAMMU: Jammu Bike Fest, presented by Geetanjali Salon and powered by Monalisa Stores Private Limited, is being organized by Soham Amla and Vivek Mahajan at Bahu Plaza on November 27 and 28, 2021.

"Gigantism Bikers will showcase and enthrall the youth of Jammu with the biking trends and culture," organizers told reporters here on Wednesday.

They said Jammu Bike Fest also idealizes the concept of socializing, connecting and promoting the newly developing biking culture.

The event is being supported by Brands Like Aprilia, Benelli, Kawasaki, Indian, Royal Enfield, BMW, TVS, KTM, Honda, Moto psy-



Jammu Bike Fest organisers addressing a press conference.

che and Safe Zone.

"In addition to this, awareness regarding responsible and safe riding, traffic rules and regulations, and new technologies in the biking industry will be the helm," they said adding that the main highlights of the event will be Grand bike rally, Exhibition-cum-

launch of world renowned brands, Women bike ride, live stage performances by fame artists, lucky draws and exciting gifts.

The team Jammu Bike Fest invites all youth and biking enthusiasts to visit and participate in the fest.

Bikers are requested to enroll for the Grand bike rally call on mobile No 9622994095/987353364.

## National Integration Symposium organised by NSS unit of GGM Science College



NSS volunteers and faculty speaking during a symposium.

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JAMMU: NSS GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender

Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan celebrating Communal Harmony Week organized a symposium on National Integration under the aegis of Azadi Ka Anurit Mahotsav.

National integration indicates the feeling of common identity amongst the people of country even after being from different races, cultures, religions or regions in order to build a strong and developed nation.

NSS volunteers Sahil, Aaghav, Pallav, Deepak, Harish, Uzma, Mohd. Ali spoke today spreading the message of patriotism, highlighting the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand actual and potential threats to the eclectic and secular fabric of our country, and to nurture the spirit of communal harmony in its widest sense.

Aaghav and Harish were judged first. The NSS PO emphasized that the purpose of these events is to enhance the feeling of nationalism unifying people.

## Volleyball selection trials going on in full swing at MA Stadium

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JAMMU: On the second day of three-day selection trials, carried out by Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, for volleyball players of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, the unprecedented rush of volleyball probables was seen on Wednesday at MA Stadium, here.

Owing to wide publicity given through print and electronic media by the Volleyball Association of J&K, the selectors were finding great difficulties in scanning/registering the credentials of the volleyball probables including their talents.

The girls as well as boys from all across the JKUT exhibited their skills to the best of their capabilities and wisdom.



Volleyball trials under progress at MA Stadium Jammu.

As many as over 160 players (boys/girls) appeared in the trials today.

The players from far-flung Districts of JKUT namely Kupwara, Kulgam, Baramulla, Poonch, Doda and Kishtwar in a large number are taking part in the trials.

Chief Executive Officer VAJK Kuldip Magotra, Executive Vice President H.S.Gill, General Secretary Vijay Magotra, Treasurer R.C.Sharma, Joint Secretary Mohd Tariq, Executive Member Subash Shastri besides Ashok Singh

Divisional Sports Officer, JKSC monitored the trials.

Rajeev Dogra SAI volleyball coach, Naresh Sharma, Mulkh Raj Sharma volleyball coaches also rendered their technical skills in the session.

The list of volleyball probables shall be finalized tomorrow by the selection committee of volleyball association of J&K. The office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K have hailed increasing response of JKUT youth towards volleyball game and making it popular in remotest corners of the JKUT.

## Men's U-25 State A Trophy: HP outplays J&K by 34 runs

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JAMMU: Himachal Pradesh got the better of Jammu and Kashmir in a close contest by 34 runs in the ongoing Mens' U-25 State A Trophy at NFC Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad ON Wednesday.

As per report reaching here, J&K skipper Henan Nazir won the toss and put Himachal Pradesh into bat.

Batting first, Himachal Pradesh scored a good total of 249 runs in 50 overs, losing eight wickets in the process. SG Arora top scored with 69 runs off 65 balls, while MA Sharma contributed 51 off 64 balls and Vaibhav Sharma made 37 runs off 41 balls. For J&K, Lone Nasir Muzaffar bagged three wickets, while Sahil Lotra took two wickets. Rasikh Salaam and Sunil Kumar claimed one wicket each. In reply, J&K managed to score 215 runs in 41.4 overs, thus lost the match by 34 wickets. Dikshant Kundal top scored with 57 runs off 68 balls, while skipper Henan Nazir and Lone Nasir Muzaffar contributed 32 runs each, while Arya Suvansh Thakur chipped in with 29 runs off 25 balls. For Himachal Pradesh, skipper A.A Walia captured four important wickets while Arpit A Guleria, N.K Kanwar and Raghav R Bali bagged two wickets each. The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Sarabjeet Singh, Shafiqat Malik, Hilal Ahmed, Veemarsh Kaw, Huwaid Hamid, Haseeb Rehman, Guru Partap Singh and Sahil Magotra as officials.

## Inter-Collegiate Tournament gets underway at JU



Kabaddi team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: On the second day of ongoing Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (men) Tournament 2021-22 being organized by Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu the P.V Sindhu Gymnasium Hall, eleven matches were held

Today's Results: GDC

Kathua beat GDC Kunjwani by 35 points; GDC Marheen beat GDC Sunderbani by 5 points; GDC Akhnoor beat Trikuta Degree College by 31 points; GDC Chenani beat GDC Jindrah by 8 points; GDC Thanamandi beat GDC Vijaypur by 20 points; GDC Doda beat GDC Udhampur by 15 points; GDC Samba

beat GDC Baderwah by 21 points; GDC Khour beat GDC Rajouri by 24 points; GDC Karkiyal beat GDC Ramnagar by 2 points; GDC Marh beat GDC Billawar by 01 point; and PG Department beat GDC Basohli by 21 points.

Today's matches were officiated by the technical panel of

experts including Ajay Gupta, Anil Sharma, Dheeraj Sharma, Ankush Gupta, Keshav Singh, Amandeep Singh, Harpreet Singh and Gagan Kumar.

**VOLLYBALL:** Inter-Collegiate Volleyball (Women) Tournament 2021-22 being organized by Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu got underway at the Volleyball Ground of the campus.

**Today's results:** GDC Ramnagar beat GDC Samba by 2-0 (25-7, 25-13); and GCW Parade beat GDC Kathua by 2-0 (25-12, 25-20).

The matches were officiated by the technical panel of experts including Mulkraj Sharma, Anit Sharma, Shubam Sharma, Bhawana Sharma and Vikas Karlopiya.

## Cycling team leaves for Nationals



Cycling team posing for a photograph with officials.

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POONCH: Jammu and Kashmir team on Wednesday left for participation in the 26th National Road Cycling (Senior, Junior, Sub Junior) Championship to be held at Kurukshetra in Haryana from tomorrow.

Earlier, the team was selected by the Cycling Association of Jammu, followed by the screening of the contingent by J&K Sports Council (JKSC). The Team: Mohd. Akbar Khan, Bazil Ahmad Rather, Waheed Ahmad Ganie, Adil Ahmad Teli, Bilal Ahmad Dar, Manav Radha, Moin Nabi, Zamin Hassan Mirza, Sunil Kumar, Abhay Choudhary, Sahil Manzoor, Zaid Rashid, Musaab Bin Rahim, Adnan Bashir, Jahangir Ahmad, Mir Bahjat Nawaz, Zoobiya Tariq, Garah Ahad and with officials Om Parkash and Mohd. Saleem.

## Academy of Wushu bags Jammu Championship title



Wushu players posing with officials during prize distribution ceremony.

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JAMMU: District Jammu Wushu Championship organised by District Jammu Wushu Association concluded with the holding of valedictory function at Indoor Hall Bhagwati Nagar, here on Wednesday.

The MA Stadium based Academy of Wushu bagged the overall trophy while Khelo India Centre remained overall second. Third position went to R S Pura Club considering the medals won in different age groups.

Around 250 players from different schools

and clubs of the district participated in this two-day event.

Accompanied by Dronacharya Awardee, Kuldeep Handoo, President of Wushu Association of J&K, Vijay Saraf presented medals to the winners.

Vijay Saraf complimented District Jammu Association General Secretary, Kamal Kishore and his team including Ajay Paul Gill, Ashi Jamwal, Abhishek Jamwal and Ankit Sharma for successful conduct of the event.

## Sports essential to ensure healthy body & mind: Yudhvir

### Inaugurates 5-Day Christmas Gold Cup T-20 tournament

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Party Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi on Wednesday asserted that participation in sports ensures healthy body and mind besides keeping the youth away from drugs.

He stated this after inaugurating the Christmas Gold Cup T-20 Tournament during an impressive function at the Maulana Azad Stadium in presence of Corporator Anil and a large number of people especially sports lovers here.

This cricket tourney has been organized by All J&K Sports and Cultural Welfare Association in which Yudhvir Sethi was the Chief Guest while Corporator Anil Masoom was the Guest of Honour.

Besides, Sharad Kalu, DySP, Sampaul Inspector, Pastor Lovey Sobey, Pastor Stanious, Vijay Kumar, Anit Sotra, Peter Sandhu and Rajesh Sumbanye were the Special Guests. Yusuf Don, David, Sebastian, Maktod and Martin were the Organizers.

In his address, Yudhvir Sethi congratulated the participating teams as well as the organizers and wished them a great performance during the five day tournament.



BJP J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi posing with team and other dignitaries.

Senior BJP leader said that Christmas Gold Cup Tournament is held as part of the great festivity of Christmas celebrations and people participate as players as well as spectators irrespective of caste creed or colour come together to gloss to the festivity. He said that the tournament strengthens the cultural bonds between communities and conveys a message of maintaining communal harmony among communities in ensuring peace and prosperity of the society.

He said that while last year football matches were played during the tournament, this year T-20 cricket matches are being held during this tourney and the winner of the tournament shall be awarded trophy.

Moreover, the tournament sharpens the physique of the players besides keeping

youth away from social evils especially the drug menace, Sethi said and appealed to the youth to make sports inseparable part of their routine in order to ensure healthy body and mind and stay away from drugs which eat into the vitals of social fabric.

Among others who were present include Vipan Sharma, Parveen Kerni, Asif Gill, Ajeet Yogi, Brij Lal Verma, Vishwa Partap Singh, Sanjay Kohli, Vinod Dogra and Rubina Akhtar.

In the opening match, Ajmal Cricket Club defeated Sydney Sixers Club by six wickets. Ajmal Cricket Club won the toss and elected field. Batting first, Sydney Sixers Club made 132 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs. Sajad Hussain was the top scorer with 39 runs while Mohd Iqbal con-

tributed 23 runs. For Ajmal Cricket Club, Ajmal took two wickets and Sumit claimed one. In reply, Ajmal Cricket Club chased the target and made 133 runs for the loss of four wickets in 18.3 overs. Nikhil Manhas played a fine inning of unbeaten 71 runs followed by Sumit Kumar, who added 22 runs to the total. Qadir took two wickets and Mohd Iqbal grabbed one for Sydney Sixers Club. For his match winning knock, Nikhil Manhas was adjudged as Man of the Match.

In another match, between Gorkha Cricket Club beat Royal Strikes by seven runs. Batting first after winning the toss, Gorkha Cricket Club was bundled out at 119 in 16.2 overs. Manish Sharma and Rahul Singh were the main scorers with 33 and 24 runs respectively. For Royal

Strikes, Ars Raina and Sagar Pandita claimed three wickets each while Rohit Koul took two.

In reply, Royal Strikes failed to chase the target and managed to score only 112 for the loss of nine wickets in 20 overs, thus lost the match by seven runs. Samay Shah was the top scorer with unbeaten 37 runs. Ashu and Nitin scalped three wickets each for Gorkha Cricket Club. For his best bowling performance, Nitin was declared as Man of the Match.

## Poonch Volleyball Meet from Nov 28

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POONCH: District Volleyball Association shall be holding 33rd Poonch Volleyball (men and women) Championship at Sports Stadium, here from November 28 to 30, 2021.

The district unit has advised those interested clubs and institutional teams to confirm their participation before November 27 to Organising Secretary, Neeraj Sharma.

The fixture of the competition shall be drawn on November 27 at 4:00 PM, a handout issued here on Wednesday informed.