

56th Junior National Artistic, 25th Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship concludes

➤ **J&K Rhythmic Gymnastics Team secures second position**

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JAMMU: The 56th Junior National Artistic and 25th Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship 2021 organised 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 Indoor Hall M.A Stadium Jammu concluded on Friday.

In closing ceremony, Lieutenant Governor J&K UT, Manoj Sinha was Chief Guest and Advisor Farooq Khan was Guest of Honour.

Around 600 Gymnasts including officials from different states of India participated in the championship which was held under the control of Technical Director G.S Bawa and Rhythmic Technical Director Krupali Singh Patel (Arjuna Awardee).

Lieutenant Governor J&K UT inaugurated the Gymnastics Academy at New Indoor Hall M.A Stadium Jammu for players. Thereafter, He interacted with the Gymnasts of all States/UTs, Federation



General Secretary Gymnastics Association of J&K, Ravinder Singh Babbi presenting bouquet to Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta.

members and other guest who were present on the occasion. He also felicitated the outstanding players of J&K with cash awards.

In her welcome address, Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council briefed the features of gymnastics equipment and other facilities which are being created in Jammu for the coming generation.

Rajesh Gupta, Chairman Organizing Committee briefed that this is first time in J&K, the Gymnastics National Championship conducted successfully.

Final results: J&K Rhythmic Gymnastics Team comprising of Muskan Rana,

Manya and Himani Gupta secured second position in the team championship whereas Muskan Rana of J&K got one gold medal, two silver medal and one bronze medal in the Individual all around and apparatus Championships. The first position in the Rhythmic Gymnastics Team Championship was won by Maharashtra Team and third by Haryana Team.

In Men Artistic Gymnastics Team, Uttar Pradesh secured first position, Maharashtra secured second position and Delhi team got third position.

In the Individual Appartaus Championship of

Horizontal Bar, Dipesh Lashkar (MP) got first position, Sankshep Yadav (UP) got second position and Aryan Dawande of Maharashtra got three position.

In the second event of today's final of parallel bars, Dipesh Lashkar (MP) secured first position, Thakor Naresh Ji (Gujarat) got second position and Rajveer (Delhi) bagged third position.

In Women Artistic Gymnastics Team, West Bengal Team secured first position, Mahrashtra gor second position and Delhi team got third position. In the today's Individual apparatus

final of Floor Exercises, Anushka Jana (West Bengal) secured first position, Nishika Aggarwal gor second position and Meharin S. Saj (Kerala) got third position.

Prominent persons present on occasion include Chander Mohan Gupta Mayor JMC, Alok Kumar Principal Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Mukesh Singh ADGP Jammu Zone, Raghav Langar Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Er. Kiran Wattal President Gymnastics Association of J&K and Rajesh Gupta Chairman Organizing Committee, Ravinder Singh Babbi General Secretary Gymnastics Association of J&K and others.

Vote of thanks were presented by Kaushik Bidwala Hony Treasurer Gymnastics Federation of India and highly appreciated the arrangements of teams including Boarding/ Lodging, Transportation etc and Gymnastics Arena.

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

Param FC wins league tie in National Football tourney



Param FC of Kathua in jubilant mood after winning match in a National level tournament at Himachal Pradesh.

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JAMMU: The formidable side of Param FC Kathua won the first league match of the Hot Weather All India Football Tournament defeating YFC Mahilpur (Punjab) 2-1 at Mandi in Himachal Pradesh.

In a nail biting thriller, Param FC conceded first goal in very 10th minute of the match after tall and experienced Mahilpur forward headed the ball past short and young squad of Param FC to take a comfortable lead.

Param FC changed gears to push for an equalizer which they got in 25th minutes through Sunil Sandhu, who on receiving a very creative assist from Hirdayesh Sharma, netted

the ball past goalkeeper in an excellent finish.

Smelling a victory, Param FC changed their tactics so as to keep good possession of the ball and went for more attacking game.

Their efforts helped them take lead when Sunil Sandhu was denied a clear goal scoring opportunity by the advancing goalkeeper outside the box. It was Abhinav Sharma took this opportunity to net a super free-kick past the goalkeeper.

Mahilpur FC put up a fight in the dying minutes of the match trying to equalize but Param FC denied them any opportunity.

The Param FC will now

play the must win match with RBI (Mumbai) tomorrow.

It's pertinent to mention here that the average age of the Param FC squad is just 17 years and all these players belong to remote villages of Kathua district, as told by C licensed team coach, Arun Pal Singh.

Team manager, Satnam Singh, sharing his happiness on the said, "Its an excellent exposure to young boys and it would greatly boost their game and confidence for the upcoming football tournaments in Jammu. He also thanked the organisers for providing this opportunity for boys to showcase their talent and gain precious experience".

GDC Kathua bags Men's Kabaddi title

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JAMMU: Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua clinched the men's inter-college Kabaddi trophy after they defeated GDC Khour by a margin of 20 points in the title clash at Gymnasium Hall of University of Jammu (JU), here on Friday.

Rajan Sharma, Sahil Sharma and Saddam Hussain played superb game for the winning side of Kathua while Goutam Singh, Rahul Singh and Arun Sharma fought well from GDC Khour.

The title trophy was presented by Director Sports, JU, Dr Daud Iqbal Baba in the presence of Dr Pritam Singh, Dr Kamaldeep, Shashi Sharma and



Winner kabaddi team receiving trophy from Director Sports JU, Dr Daud Iqbal Baba.

Anuradha. Also present were Ravish Vaid, Harinderpal Singh, Gagan Kumar, Jai Bharat, Sanjeev Pandey, Sanjeev Sharma, Tarvinderpal Singh, Bhavana Sharma and Pankaj Singh.

Earlier, in the semifinals, GDC Kathua beat GDC Mendhar by 23 points while

GDC Khour beat GDC Marh by 17 points.

Today's matches were officiated by the technical panel including Ajay Gupta, Anil Sharma, Dheeraj Sharma, Ankush Gupta, Ramandeep Kalaria, Keshav Singh, Amandeep Singh, Harpreet Singh, Gagan Kumar and Karan Kumar.

Wrestling trials on Nov 29

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JAMMU: Wrestling Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold selection trials to name UT team for the upcoming under-15 category Boys Free Style and Greco Roman Style and Girls National Championship.

Those eligible and interested wrestlers have been advised to report at University of Jammu Gymnasium Hall on November 29 at 8 am for the selection trials.

Wrestlers can contact the officials, holding trials, Dheeraj Sharma (9419685822), Sahil Sharma (7780988101) and Jai Bharat (8899790423), a handout issued here today informed.

Zone Kathua wins Inter-zonal District level U-17 Boys Cricket Tournament

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KATHUA: Zone Kathua won the Inter-zonal District level U-17 Cricket Tournament for boys organized with the direction of Director Youth Services and Sports UT Jammu and Kashmir at Sports Stadium Hiranagar.

The tournament was held under the overall supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua Sunil Kumar along with ZPEO Hiranagar Yog Raj and Sports Activities incharge Kathua Nasib Chand PEM, Joginder Kumar PEM, Mohan Lal PEM and financial/accommodation incharge Dharminder Singh PEM.



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

In the final match, Zone Kathua beat Zone Billawar by six runs.

Earlier batting first after winning the toss, Kathua Zone scored 123 for the loss of five wickets in allocated 12 overs. Vivek was the top scor-

er with 46 runs off 30 balls.

In reply, Zone Billawar failed to chased the target and managed to score only 117 for the loss of nine wickets in 12 overs.

Meanwhile, today's morning in second semifinal

Kathua Zone beat Barnoti Zone by 62 runs. Batting first, Kathua set the target 134 runs and in reply Barnoti Zone managed to score only 72 runs for the loss of nine wickets in 12 overs.

Hockey Nehru Cup Tournament declared open

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UDHAMPUR: Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanffar Ali on Friday declared open the Union Territory Level Inter-District Nehru Hockey Cup Tournament-2021 for under-15 and under-17 year boys here at an impressive and colorful inaugural function held in Subhash Stadium.

The tournament is being organized under the patronage of Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Youth Services and Sports and under the Chairmanship of Indu Kanwal Chib, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur and under the overall supervision of S. Swarn Singh, District Youth Services and Sports Officer



Hockey teams posing for a photograph with Chief Guest and other dignitaries.

Udhampur. While Gazanffar Ali was the chief guest at the opening ceremony, Ashok Kumar, former Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports and Naveen Sharma, Chief Cricket Coach Sports Council J&K and Manager

Subash Stadium Udhampur were the guests of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest lavished praise on the organisers for holding the event in a befitting manner. He said sports serve for delight, for ornament and for agility, adding that the sportspersons are the messengers of peace and harmony.

Encouraging the players to improve the standard of Hockey in the Union Territory, Gazanffar said that Hockey is the game of Indian origin and the time is ripe to promote it in every nook and corner of the Union Territory.

He said sports help youth not to derail from the mainstream by not falling prey to drugs and other social

evils.

He also welcomed the ceremonial Parade of the Band of Modern High School Dhanori.

On the occasion, the Director Sports directed the field staff for holding regular Coaching Camps in the schools for all calendar activities.

Meanwhile, around 170 boys drawn from seven

Districts of the Union Territory participated in the Tournament.

Later, S. Swarn Singh DYSSO Udhampur presented a memento to the chief guest and the guests of honour as a mark of respect. Prominent among others present on the occasion were Poonam Sharma (ZPEO Jib), Anita Gowsami, Jaswinder Singh, Som Dev Khajuria, Bandana Sharma, Asha, Meenakshi, Sanjay Sharma, Swarndeep Singh, Pushap Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar Khajuria, Rajneesh Sharma and Anshu Khanna.

The officials who conducted the trials were Raj Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Sourab Pandit, Pooja Devi, Pooja Sharma, Vipin Photra, Nitin, Ankush, Vickey, Munazim and Mayank.

Al Imam, Mir Cricket Clubs register wins in Peer Panjal Champion Trophy

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POONCH: Al Imam Cricket Club and Mir Cricket Club registered wins in the ongoing Peer Panjal Champion Trophy at Sports Stadium Rajouri. Earlier in first match played on Friday, Al Imam Cricket Club beat Himalyan Riders by a huge margin of 175 runs.

Batting first after winning the toss, Al Imam Club scored a big total of 258 runs in 20 overs, Bilal Rather played a magnificent inning of 83 followed by Jamsheed Naseem, who scored 63 runs. In reply, Himalayan Riders was bundle out at 83 runs. Gower claimed four wickets while Jamsheed took three for Al Imam Club. In another match, Mir Cricket Club beat Tiger Cricket Club by eight wickets. Tiger Club, batting first, was bundle out at 83 runs. Sarfraz was the top scorer with 43 runs. For Mir Cricket Club, Deepanshu grabbed four wickets and IPL player Anureet Singh took two. In reply, Mir Cricket Club chased the target just in 6.3 overs for the loss of two wickets. Rahul and Vikas were the main scorers with scored 40 and 38 runs respectively. On this occasion, Chairman Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch, Mohd Tariq was the Special Guest, who appreciated the role of organisers. The championship is being organised by Hillview Cricket Club Rajouri. Today's matches were officiated by Muzamil Ahmed, Zafer Wani, Zulaf Dar, Mohinder Singh and Waheed Ashraf. Others present were Zahid Qazi, Sajjad Majeed, Saleem Azad and Juggu Qazi.



Chairman Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch, Mohd Tariq presenting Man of the Match award.

Body Building trials on November 29

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Body Building Association is going to conduct selection trial to pick the team for 13 Mr.

India Championship 2021 to be held at Khamam, Telangana from January 6 to 8, 2022.

According to handout issued here on Friday, the

body builders have been advised to take part in the selection trial to be held at International Gym, Rehri Colony Jammu on November 29 from 3:00

PM to 5:00 PM.

For Further Information, the Body Builders can contact organizers on Mob. No. 9419124126.

Poonch Taekwondo players pay tributes to 26/11 martyrs

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POONCH: Poonch Taekwondo players and coaches paid candle light tribute to 26/11 terror attack martyrs at Sports Stadium Poonch.

Hundreds of taekwondo players assembled at Sports Stadium Poonch under the guidance of Rajinder Singh, Taekwondo coach and paid tributes by litting a candle.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajinder Singh said that on the 13th anniversary of the November 26th terror attack on Mumbai, we remember the innocent lives we lost.

"We pay tribute to everyone who lost their lives in the terror attack. Our security forces displayed exemplary courage during the 26/11 attacks. I salute their bravery and sacrifice," he added.

Prominent persons present on the occasion and paid tributes include Nirdosh Kumar I/c Manager Sports Stadium Poonch, Parveen Kour Treasurer PDTA, Amit Sharma Joint Secretary PDTA, Ravinder Singh Secretary District Athletic Association, Ashaq Hussain Organising Secretary PDTA, Hassan, Neeraj Sharma PET and Saurav Sharma PEM.



Taekwondo players and officials paying candle light tributes to 26/11 martyrs at Poonch.

Men's U25 State A Trophy Arya slams ton; Dikshant, Kanhaiya, Fazil hit fifties in J&K's big win

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JAMMU: Arya Suvansh Thakur slammed a cracking century, while Dikshant Kundal, Kanalhaiya Wadhawan and Fazil Rashid scored half-centuries to guide Jammu and Kashmir to a big win by a huge margin of 144 runs over Bihar in the ongoing Mens U-25 State A Trophy at Gymkhana Ground, Hyderabad on Friday.

As per report reaching here, earlier, put into bat, J&K rode on a thunderous century by Arya Suvansh Thakur and

valuable contributions by Dikshant Kundal, Kanhaiya Wadhawan and Fazil Rashid to score a huge total of 370 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing eight wickets in the process.

Arya top scored with power-packed 104 runs off 59 balls, which included a series of boundaries and sixes. He sent the rival bowlers on a leather-hunt rather butchered them and hit the ball with fluidity, grace, sublimity and brilliance.

Another opening batsman, Dikshant Kundal scored 65 runs off 69 balls, while batting mainstay Kanhaiya Wadhawan 63 off 61 balls and wicket-keeper/batsman Fazil Rashid made brisk 55 off just 24 balls.

For Bihar, Suraj Rathore took three wickets, while Shahir Khan, A Raj and Himanshu Singh claimed one wicket each.

In reply, Bihar managed to score 226 runs in 50 overs, losing six wickets in the process, thus lost the match by a big margin of 144 runs. Gupil Rai top scored with 76 runs off 104 balls, while Suraj Rathore and Akash Raj contributed 33 and 31 runs respectively.

For J&K, Saksham Sharma captured three wickets, while Lone Nasir Muzaffar bagged

two and Sahil Lotta claimed one wicket.

It was J&K's last match in Elite Group D. Today's win earned 4 points to J&K, which took its points tally to 12 points. Bengal tops the Elite Group D points table with 16 points, while Kerala by virtue of its win over strong Bengal today, secured a total of 14 points to be at second spot in the Group, thus qualifying for the knockout phase alongwith Bengal. Despite a huge win today, J&K failed to qualify for the knock-out stage.

The Jammu and Kashmir team is being accompanied by Sarabjeet Singh, Shafqat Malik, Hilal Ahmed, Veemarsh Kaw, Huwaid Haniid, Haseeb Rehman, Guru Partap Singh and Sahil Magotra as officials.

Meanwhile, Member-Administration JKCA, Brig Anil Gupta while reacting to Arya's brilliance after his murderous ton tweeted- "Young sensation Arya Thakur scores maiden OD century in U25 Men's State A tournament against Bihar. His 57 ball century has given a rousing start to the J&K innings. Carry on Arya, play till the end. Well done".

Ace cricketer and Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA after brilliant display against Bihar teetted-"So very proud of our#JKCA Under-25 A team who narrowly missed qualifying for the knockouts. What a team effort, the way you guys went about the whole business was outstanding. Lots of learning from the tournament. We March forward with our heads high".

While praising Arya, Manhas also tweeted "17 years Arya Thakur scores a blistering 100 off 57 balls against Bihar in U25 tournament#JKCA is proud of you. Watch out for this young man, he is special!".