

Advisor Bhatnagar inaugurates 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship



Glances of inaugural ceremony of 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship at MA Stadium, Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Monday inaugurated week-long 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship for boys and girls at MA Stadium, here.

An impressive march-past by all the participating teams from different parts of the country in colourful dresses depicted the concept of 'Unity in Diversity' showcasing thereof 26 States/UTs (Total 52 teams in both boys & girls) representation in the championship.

The colourful cultural programme presented by students of various schools of Jammu including JK Public School Kunjwani was another attraction of the inaugural ceremony.

Vice-President Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) and Chairman Control Committee of the Championship, Vijaypal Singh, while welcoming the dignitaries, gave an overall view of volleyball standard in the country with special reference to all out efforts being made by the federation.

Commissioner J&K UT, Nuzhat Gul-Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, Anil Choudhary-Secretary General Volleyball Federation of India, Raj Daluja-Working President Special Organizing Committee and Patron-in-Chief Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Sidharth Daluja-President Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Chandan Kohli-SSP Jammu Member Special Organizing Committee, Subash Chibber-Director Youth Services and Sports, G.E

Sridharan-National Volleyball Coach, Arjuna/Dronacharya Awardee, Presidents/Secretaries of different J&K Sports Associations, Members of J&K Sports Council, Sports Lovers etc were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, R.R Bhatnagar Advisor to LG J&K UT lauded the efforts of organizers, all J&K government departments, sponsors from the corporate sectors for their cooperation in this mega sports event wherein over

1000 players/officials all over the country are participating in the championship.

Bhatnagar urged the organizers to ensure participants are taken around various tourist spots of Jammu City which is popularly known as City of Temples. He called upon the participants to act as ambassadors on their return to respective areas to apprise the people about our culture heritage and peaceful atmosphere prevailing in J&K UT at present.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, while

presenting a vote of thanks, appreciated the efforts of Volleyball Association of J&K as well as Volleyball Federation of India and various departments/corporations for their active involvement in this championship.

The Advisor and dignitaries were honoured by presenting mementoes as a token of love. The Advisor also kick started the matches by hitting the service.

The theme based Cultural Program/Quiz-Contest on Khelo India, Fit India Movement presented by the artists mesmerized the digni-

taries on the occasion.

Today's Results

BOYS SECTION: Gujarat Beat Madhya Pradesh by 3-0 (25-16, 25-16, 25-20); Maharashtra beat Bihar by 3-0 (25-15, 25-22, 25-13); Assam beat Jharkhand by 3-1 (25-21, 22-25, 25-13 & 25-22)

GIRLS SECTION: Uttar Pradesh beat J&K by 3-1 (18-25, 25-13, 25-03 & 25-14); Haryana beat Madhya Pradesh by 3-0 (25-16, 25-14 & 25-07)

The Matches were in progress in all the six volleyball floodlit courts as per latest report poured in.

DIS Jammu organises Sahodaya Poem Recitation Contest for teachers

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JAMMU: Doon International School (DIS), Jammu organized an Inter-School Poem Recitation Competition for teachers 'Poetry With Panache' under the aegis of Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex.

It was the exuberant recitation of "Classical English Poetry" in which 24 CBSE Schools of high repute participated with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Rajesh Rathore, President JSSC and Principal JKPS Jammu graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Pramod K. Srivastava Principal, Model Academy and Randeep Wazir, Joint Secretary JSSC and Principal IDPS Jammu were the Special Guests.

The competition was



Chief Guest, Rajesh Rathore, President JSSC and Principal JKPS Jammu along with others at poem recitation contest at DIS Jammu..

judged by the members of the Jury including Dr. Rashid Ali, Professor Central University and Dr. Shubhra Jamwal, Assistant Professor Government College of Education Jammu.

It was a free flowing recitation format which initiated the celebration of ideas, amalgamation of

emotions and innovation encapsulated with creative skills, flamboyance, dramatic depiction and self-expression at its best. All the participants enhanced the glory of the entire ambience with the exuberance of their performances and gripped the audience with their magnetic aura leaving

them spellbound.

Anandita Sharma of IDPS Jammu bagged the 1st prize, followed by Monika Dhar of APS Kaluchak and Nitika of MLZS Kathua clinching 2nd and 3rd position respectively. The three consolation prizes were shared by Arti Tickoo of JKPS Kunjwani, Mona

Andotra of IPS Kathua and Neeru Bhardwaj of Model Academy.

Dr. Vikesh Kaur, Principal DIS Jammu wished all affirmative luck and great accomplishment to all the participants and deliberated about the event "Poetry with Panache" expecting all participants to be confident and expressive to their fullest.

Rajesh Rathore, Principal JKPS Kunjwani expressed his immense delight over the meticulous conduct of the event by the host school and brilliant performances from the participating teachers.

He shared some fine tips

with the teachers to polish their skills to a sparkle.

Dr. Pramod K. Srivastava congratulated the participants and applauded the degree of elan, poise & confidence exhibited by the teachers, representing Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex.

Fencing trials from Nov 21

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JAMMU: To raise the J&K team for upcoming Cadet (Under-18) National Fencing (boys and girls) Championship, two-day trials shall be held at Indoor Fencing Hall, MA Stadium, here from November 21.

As and when selected the team shall take part in the National event slated to be held at Nashik in Maharashtra from December 11 to 13.

The eligible fencers must be less than 18 years of age as on January 1, 2023. Fencers have been advised to register themselves by or before November 19 bringing along Aadhaar card or Date of Birth Certificate. For further queries, fencers have been advised to contact on Mobile Nos 9419291430 and 9419123279, a handout issued by the Adhoc Committee for Fencing in J&K informed.

Sikander of Maharashtra lifts Sunail Kesari Dangal

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JAMMU: Wrestler Sikander Shekh of Maharashtra lifted the 75th Sunail (Akhnoor) Kesari Dangal title after he defeated Chote Ganni of Hoshiarpur in Punjab in the main bout at Village Sunail in Panchyat Targwal of district Jammu.

Title winner, Sikander presented with a cash prize of Rs 1.50 lakh while runners-up, Chote Ganni received Rs 75,000. The

second main bout worth Rs one lakh won by Monu of Delhi (Rs 60,000) beating Tedo of Georgia (Rs 40,000).

In third main bout, Major of Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab emerged winner to receive Rs 60,000 as cash prize. Major beat Neeraj (Rs. 40,000) of Rohtak in Haryana.

Dangal was organised by Sunail Dangal Committee in support with J&K Indian Style Wrestling



President J&KISWA, Shiv Kumar Sharma posing with wrestlers and others dignitaries.

Association under the overall supervision of Sarpanch, Parshant Sharma, Numberdar Tilak Raj and Darshan Lal.

Deputy Director SKPA, Mohan Lal Bhagat was the chief guest while Shiv Kumar Sharma, president J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association presided.

Colonel Gaurang Jain of 9 JAK LI, DySP KD Bhagat, Baba Chanchal Singh, Rajan Singh,

Sanjay Saraf, MC Akhnoor president, Ram Paul Sharma, wrestling promoter, Prithvi Raj Sharma and Sarpanch Babishan Sarpanch were among other special guests.

In total, 55 bouts were played in this day-long dangal.

Members who helped for the conduct of Wrestling event included Vijay Singh Chib, Naveen Bakshi, Vicky Sharma, Ramesh Bakshi,

Kasturi Lal, Bishan Dutt, Manmohan Singh Chib, Rakesh Sharma, Raj Singh Chib, Gola, Prabhu Bakshi, Sujjan Singh (Naib Sarpanch), Anil Verma, Ashok Kumar, Joginder Lal and Madhu.

The bouts were officiated by the technical panel including Vicky Sharma, Ram Paul Sharm, Sahil Sharma, Sat Paul Verma, Ravi Kumar, Kulwant singh, Kuldeep Singh and Murli Dhar (Munna).