

48th Junior National Volleyball Championship

Haryana Boys, Rajasthan Girls declared champions; J&K Boys secure bronze medal



Patron-in-Chief VAJK, Raj Daluja presenting bouquet to the Chief Guest, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament Lok Sabha, President VAJK, Sidharth Daluja presenting bouquet to VFI official and winner teams receiving trophies of 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship at MA Stadium, Jammu.

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JAMMU: For the first time in the history of J&K Volleyball, host J&K Boys won bronze medal in 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship organized by Volleyball Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the aegis of Volleyball Federation of India at MS

Stadium, here on Saturday. Earlier, Haryana won the boys title by defeating Rajasthan 3-0 Sets. In the keenly contested matches the players, some of them international, showed their excellent skills, latest techniques of the game. In bronze medal match, J&K team defeated Tamil Nadu. The host J&K boys team

Captain Mannat Choudhary, who is an international volleyball player, exhibited his skills magnificently while Haroon and Musharaf too followed Mannat's footprints in the game. The historical victory of J&K Boys volleyball team earned laurels from all dignitaries present on the Dias as well as volleyball lovers.

In girls section, Rajasthan outplayed West Bangal in the final and won championship trophy. The bronze medal match was won by Tamil Nadu. In the closing ceremony, Member of Parliament Lok Sabha, Jugal Kishore Sharma was the Chief Guest, who appreciated the organizers and stakeholders

for conducting the championship efficiently taking care of all aspects of Boarding/Lodging for over 1000 players and officials. The Chief Guest praised all office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K/Special Organizing Committee for their wholehearted contribution in promoting sports culture in

general and volleyball in particular in J&K UT. Jugal also distributed prizes/trophies and medals to the winner and runner-up teams. Vasudevan Vice-President Volleyball Federation of India, Raj Kumar Executive Vice-President, Ramavtar Singh CEO Volleyball Federation of India, Anil

Choudhary Secretary General Volleyball Federation of India, Sunil Kumar Tiwari, Treasurer Volleyball Federation of India, Vijaypal Singh Chairman Control Committee, Vice-President Volleyball Federation of India, Nuzahat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council also graced the Dias. The Chief Guest was hon-

oured by presenting a memento by Raj Daluja, Working President and Kuldip Magotra Organizing Secretary Special Organizing Committee. The officials engaged in the championship were also honoured with mementoes by office bearers of Volleyball Federation of India.

JKPS Kunjwani shines in Sahodaya Inter-School Roller Skating competition

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JAMMU: In the Inter-school Roller Skating Competitions held at Birla Open Minds International School Jammu under the banner of Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex on November 17 and 18, 2022, the students of JK Public School Kunjwani clinched 15 medals including six gold, four silver and five bronze.

The students who won laurels include Aryaveer Singh (two bronze medal), Shrayya Agnihotri (two gold medals), Purusharth Singh (one silver and one bronze medal), Ananya Mathur (two silver medals), Adiva Gupta (two



JKPS Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

gold medals), Neelesh (one bronze medal), Pravleen Singh (one silver and one

bronze medal) and Shivika Gupta (two gold medals). Shashi Chaudhary, Director

JK Public School and Principal Rajesh Rathore felicitated the winners in the

morning assembly on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal said that champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream and a vision. No doubt, the budding skaters have showcased an energetic and enthusiastic performance and we congratulate them for their outstanding achievement and wish them good luck for the future endeavour.

On this special occasion, Varun Anand, Coach of the School and Subash Chander, HOD (Sports) was also applauded for preparing the students for this competition.

Make sports part of daily routine for achieving healthy body & mind: Yudhvir



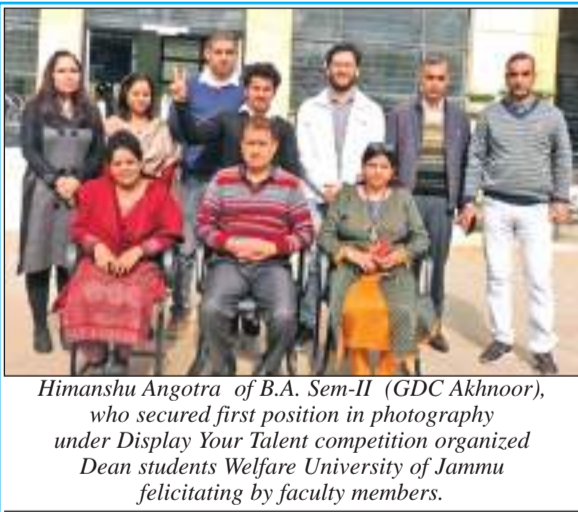
J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi posing with teams and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi on Saturday inaugurated the Inter-district invitational cricket tournament for all districts being organised by the Malhotra Cricket Club (MCC), J&K at Forest Cricket Ground Stadium, Sidhra here. A total of sixteen teams from Jammu & Kashmir are taking part in the seven-

day tournament. Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi asserted that youth by remaining involved in games get saved from the menace of drug abuse besides developing their overall personality both physically and mentally. He appealed to the youth to make sports part of their daily routine for achieving a healthy body and mind.

Senior Leader and Chandigarh Prabhari Surinder Bhagat wished the tournament all success and pledged full support to the seven-day tourney. President Malhotra Cricket Club, Jammu also encouraged the players. Ajay Sharma Mandal President Bajalta, BJP leader Onkar Singh, Bishan Singh and Sunny Sharma were also present.



Himanshu Angotra of B.A. Sem-II (GDC Akhnoor), who secured first position in photography under Display Your Talent competition organized Dean students Welfare University of Jammu felicitating by faculty members.

KCPS Girls win medals at Khelo India Zonal Junior Women's Swimming series

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JAMMU: Khelo India Junior Women's Swimming Series Zonal Competition was held at Sai Sports Complex, Lucknow from November 12 to 14, 2022. Two girls from KC Public School, namely, Xena Bandhu and Vanshika Gosain and Melisa Singh from Presentation Convent represented the Union Territory of J&K in this contest.

Xena won the first position in 50M kick-and-pull Free-



Medal winners posing with faculty members.

Style event and Vanshika bagged a bronze medal in 50M kick-and-pull Breast Stroke event. Both of them were also awarded position badges and merit certificates. School Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Managing Director Arti Chowdhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Chowdhary and Principal AK Mishra congratulated Xena and Vanshika for their excellent performance and wished them success at the national level competition.

Real Kashmir FC wins 2-0 as I-League returns to valley

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SRINAGAR: Passion was high and the excitement grew greater with each minute as locals came out in huge numbers to support Real Kashmir FC in their I-League match against Rajasthan United FC here-- the first such game in the valley since the COVID-19 outbreak.

The synthetic turf at the TRC Grounds the venue of the game came alive after three years as football sup-

porters filled up the stands on a chilly Saturday afternoon.

The match won by RKFC 2-0 was the first high-profile game in the Valley since the outbreak of COVID-19.

"I am glad that our team lived up to the expectations of the huge crowd that had gathered to cheer the Snow Leopards. The enthusiasm was more because of the new local coach who is an inspiration for the youth,"

said RKFC owner Sandeep Chattoo.

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JAMMU: After J&K's bowling unit led by Abid Mushtaq restricted Odisha to 268 runs despite Rakesh Pattanaik's fireworks, experienced opening batter Shubham Khajuria, skipper Shubham Pundir and Sahil Lotra displayed extraordinary batting skills to guide Jammu and Kashmir to 3-wicket win over Odisha in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy at Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy, BKC Mumbai on Saturday.

Earlier, put into bat, Odisha scored a good total of 268 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing 6 wickets in the process. Skipper Abhishek Raut top scored with 75 runs off 99 balls, studded with 8 fours and 3 sixes, while Rakesh Pattanaik contributed power-packed 53 runs off 31 balls, including 8

Vijay Hazare Trophy

Shubham duo power J&K to crucial victory over Odisha



J&K team celebrating win over Odisha.

fours and 2 sixes.

For J&K, Yudhvir Singh took 3 wickets, while Mujtaba Yousuf bagged 2 wickets, however, Abid Mushtaq was the pick of the bowlers who though remained wicketless but conceded just 25 runs in his 10 overs.

In reply, J&K chased the target in 48.5 overs by losing 7 wickets, thus won the

match by 3 wickets. Shubham Khajuria top scored with 78 runs off 77 balls including 9 boundaries and 1 six, while Shubham Pundir contributed 57 runs off 61 balls including 6 fours. Sahil Lotra, Vivrant Sharma and Henan Nazir contributed 40, 26 and 25 runs to the total respectively.

For Odisha, Tarani Sa captured 3 wickets by conceding

35 runs in his 9 overs, while Abhishek Raut bagged 2 wickets.

The Sub Committee Members of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration; Advocate Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs and Cricketer Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA congratulated the team for this splendid victory. The team is being accompanied by former International cricketer Ajay Sharma as coach, Rajan Singh and Sandeep Singh as Manager and Co-Manager respectively, Tanmay Srivastava as Fielding Coach, Sunny Kumar as Trainer, Danish Idrees as Performance Analyst, Jatinder Gupta as Physio and Naresh as Masseuse.