

67th National School Games

Judokas show promise, composure as J&K claims 2 silver medals on day-2

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JAMMU: The budding Judokas drawn from across 30 States/UTs/ Units of the country showed stellar grit, serenity, composure and promise while vying for the top honours as Jammu and Kashmir clinched 2 silver medals on day-2 of the ongoing 67th National School Games in the discipline of Judo U-14 boys and girls, being organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, J&K at Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu, here.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul was the chief guest on the Prize Distribution Function, which was presided over by the Director Youth Services & Sports, Subash Chander Chibber.



J&K players Sheikh Mohammad Shraim and Baiza Tariq after winning silver medals.

The two officers were accompanied by Jitender Mishra, Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports (C), Ravi Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports (Planning), Sunil Kumar Sharma (Accounts Officer

Jammu Directorate), Shivrindan Singh Mankotia, Section Officer Directorate and Member Fee Structure Committee SGPI and Kanhiya Gurjar, Field Officer deputed by SGPI for these Games. Meanwhile, in Under-14

girls -40 kg, J&K's Baiza Tariq clinched silver medal as she lost to Khanak of Punjab, who bagged gold medal in this category. The bronze medal in this category went to Kanishka Bidhuri of Delhi and Kusum Dowery of West Bengal.

In girls Under-14 -36 kg, Disha of Karnataka won gold, Taviya Priti of Gujarat clinched silver, while the bronze went to Somya of Tamil Nadu and Aaysha Sheikh of Maharashtra.

In boys U-14 -40 kg, Garv Tokas of Delhi bagged gold, while Sheikh Mohammad Shraim of Jammu and Kashmir won silver medal.

Jatin Kashyap of Uttar Pradesh and Varneet Singh of Punjab claimed bronze medals in this category.

In boys U-14 -35 kg,

Shivam of Uttar Pradesh bagged gold, while Soumya Sain of Rajasthan clinched silver. The bronze medal in this category went to Kartik of Uttarakhand and Isan of Chhattisgarh.

In boys Under-14 -45 kg, Satish Dangi of Rajasthan clinched gold, Krishan Kumar Mal of Vidhya Bharti bagged silver and the bronze medal went to Yash of Haryana and Sachin of Chandigarh.

It is pertinent to mention here that a total of 387 Judokas are taking part in this mega event, including 197 boys and 190 girls, besides around 80 officials.

These Games are being organised by the Directorate of YS & Sports J&K, under the auspices of the School Games Federation of India (SGFI).

Heritageans take centre stage at International Dance Festival in Thailand

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JAMMU: Heritage School students have once again made both the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and their country, India, exceedingly proud by representing India at the Surin International Folklore Foundation Festival from November 8 to 13, 2023.

Team India presented Dogri folk dance and Gujarati Garba. Heritage students participated in this festival under the banner of the Udbhav Sports & Cultural Association Gwalior-India.

Heritage School has a history of illustrious achievements in international dance events. In 2018, the school emerged as winners, proudly representing India at the Citrus International Dance Festival in Turkey.

Subsequently, in 2019, the Heritageans clinched the first prize and were slated to represent India at the International Dance Festival



Heritage School students group at a dance festival.

in Italy, an opportunity unfortunately thwarted by the pandemic's disruptions.

Undeterred by challenges, in 2022, Heritage School students participated in two categories, Semi-classical and Folk, securing 3rd prize in the Semi-classical category, along with a consolation in the Folk category.

Additionally, the team was lauded as the Best Disciplined Team, reflecting their commitment and dedication to their craft.

The talented student dancers-Pavit Kaur, Sharon Gupta, Siona Gandotra, Mishiti Gupta, Many Kohli,

Nameah Khanna, Sukhnoor Kaur, Harmandeep Kour, Mridula, Vani Chopra, Ananya Janwal, Pearl Dogra, Mannat Proch, Avnika Proch, Rishika Bhagat, Lakshika Majotra accompanied by Shalini Sharma, the Dance Teacher, and Neha Sharma, Cultural Activities Incharge, showcased exemplary commitment, talent, and artistry throughout their journey.

The Management, Principal and the staff congratulated the team on their exceptional achievement and wish them good luck for their future endeavours.

DPS Udhampur declared 1st Runner up in India Army Quiz 2023



DPS Udhampur faculty felicitating winner students.

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UDHAMPUR: Students of DPS Udhampur brought accolades for the school by qualifying the semifinals of Indian Army Quiz 2023, "Battle of Minds" commemorating 25 years of Kargil Victory, held at Srinagar on November 9 and 10, 2023. The school emerged as first Runner ups in the quiz competition.

The school on Friday felicitated the students and Mentors of the quiz competition. Students namely, Sargam Mahajan (VIII), Harinav Sharma (IX), Sanchi Bhardwaj (X) and Krivi

Tehlan, (X) participated in the quiz competition and qualified for the Semifinals along with six other teams of J&K.

The students reached the semifinals after crossing various levels of the quiz. Level one and two were on online mode between 28000 students and 3600 schools across India.

Quarter finals and Semifinals were held on offline mode at Kashmir where DPSites became 2nd leading team of Semi Finals.

Students along with the mentor brought laurels by winning cash prizes Rs. 50000 for school and Rs 85000 plus

Galaxy Tabs for the team.

The students were mentored by Rakhi Gupta Chief CCA Coordinator DPSU & Bablu Parihar TGT SST.

Pro Vice Chairman of the School, Dr. J. C. Gupta Sir applauded the team for reaching this level and inspired them to continuously take part in such events.

He distributed the certificates, medals and cheques to all the winners and mentors.

MD of the School, Vivek Gupta, Director Academics, Sucheta Gupta and Principal, Dr. Kunal Anand appreciated the hard work of the team for such a marvelous victory.

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POONCH: Inter district division level Taekwondo Competition organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports District Poonch under the guidance of Director Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K Subash Chander Chibber, Deputy Director Central Jatinder Mishra, and Joint Director YSS Suram Chand Sharma concluded here at JKSC indoor complex of sports stadium on Friday.

A total of 200 players in Under 14 ,17 and 19 age group from eight districts of Jammu Division took part in this competition held under the supervision of Mohd Qasim District Youth Services and Sports Officer Poonch.

The Chief Guest of the closing ceremony was Dr Mohammad Tanveer, Chief Executive Officer Tourism Authority Poonch while Prem Prakash Luthra



Medal winners taekwondo players posing with dignitaries at Poonch on Friday.

Senior Vice President PDTA was the Guest of Honour.

Other distinguished guests were Narinder Singh ZPEO Poonch, Manjeet Singh ZPEO Sathra , Rajinder Singh ZPEO Mandi, Kulwant Singh ZPEO Surankote, Jatinder Singh Tandon ZPEO Nangali and Anresh Sharma ZPEO Kuniyian zone.

Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by DYSSO Poonch Mohd Qasim.

The chief guest interacted

with all the Taekwondo players from all Districts of Jammu Division. He also congratulated Department of Youth services and Sports for giving excellent platform to the youth by organising these kind of events. Later all the dignitaries distributed medals, trophies and certificates to all the winners.

Poonch district remain overall winner in under 14, 17 and 19 year age group by winning 14 gold medals and lifted overall trophy of AAG boys while Jammu

and Doda remained at second and third place respectively.

All bouts are held under the technical Supervision of Rajinder Singh Physical Education Teacher and National Referee, Barinder Singh Manhas PET National Referee, Nitin Singh Rathore ReK National Referee, Sandeep Kumar ReK, Waqar Ahmed ReK, Tarun Nadh Physical Education Teacher and Ankush Singh ReK.

Arun Kumar Udhampur, Ikmanpal Singh Poonch

and Toseef Tahir Poonch adjudged as best players in under 14 ,17 and 19 year age group.

Prominent others were present on the occasion were Nirdosh Kumar IC Manager Sports Stadium Poonch, Ramesh Kumar PEM., Singh PEM both activities Incharge In DYSS office Poonch , Vijay Kumar PEM Stage secretary and IC Press and Publicity Harjeet kour PEM all PEM , PET and Rek of the department were present on the occasion.

2nd Day of Display Your Talent at JU witnessed scintillating music performances

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JAMMU: Light Vocal Solo, Classical Vocal Solo, Classical Instrumental P & N.P. were conducted on the second day of ongoing 'Display Your Talent-2023' organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu.

Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Monika Chadha, Co-Chairperson Campus Cultural



Display Your Talent-2023: Participants posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Committee, Prof. Sarika Manhas alongwith the Judges, dignitaries and Teachers Incharge felicitated the winners.

In Light Vocal Solo, Varsha Jamwal from GCW Parade, Mavish Sharma from Department of Computer Sciences, JU and Nishu Devi from GDC Chenani secured First, Second and Third positions respectively.

Certificates of Merit were awarded to Rudra Sharma from IMFA, Divya Bharti from IMFA and Ritisha Manhas from GCW Parade.

Prof. Harvinder Singh, Seema Anil Sehgal and Tanya Gupta were the adjudicators and Dr. Sandeep Singh was the Teacher In-charge.

In Classical Vocal Solo,

Arapna Kumari from IMFA, Simran Sharma from IMFA and Shriya Gurtoo from GCW Parade secured first, second and third positions respectively.

Vijay Sambyal, Seema Anil Sehgal and Tanya Gupta were the adjudicators and Dr. Harjit Singh was the Teacher In-charge.

In Classical Instrumental (P) Karanveer and Aryan Kumar

from IMFA secured first and second positions respectively. Third position was shared by Navjot Singh and Utkarsh from GDC Udhampur. In Classical Instrumental (N.P), Upasna Gupta from GCW Parade secured first position, Sobia Kousar from IMFA stood second and Isha Kumari from GCW Parade stood third. Prof. Renu Sehgal, D.L. Kaswalia, Sami Floze and Dr. Sanjay Kalotra were the adjudicators and Dr. Neelam Chowdhary was the Teacher incharge of the event.

The hall was managed by Nighat Mir, Idrees, Seeta Devi, Shehzad Ali, Angraz Singh, Urvasi, Rajdeep, Kanya and Mohneesh. The sound was looked after by Arif Paul.

JKPS Panjtirthi Principal felicitates alumni Vedit Gupta

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JAMMU: The Principal of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi Suman Banbah on Friday congratulated the proud alumni of JKPS Panjtirthi Vedit Gupta for working as a software developer in a network security company at Bangalore.

The proud Jakiian expressed, "JKPS has been nothing less than what I had hoped for, a motivating principal, exceptional faculty, quality education, real world experiences, literally activities on every Saturday, daily physical activities, number of celebrations, various Mass quizzes and amazing friends. All this is expected from a good School to make a student an all rounder . It has taught me things far beyond bookish knowledge and helped me broaden my horizons. I express my heartfelt gratitude towards entire team of JKPS Panjtirthi."

The Principal said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be



JKPS Panjtirthi Principal Suman Banbah with alumni Vedit Gupta.

achieved."

She further wished luck to the jakiian for all the future endeavours.

Handball selection trial from today

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JAMMU: The J&K Handball Association has decided to conduct selection trial for the upcoming 46th Junior Girls National Handball championship to be held at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) from December 16 to 20, 2023. The three days trial shall take place at Playing Field Shastri Nagar Jammu here from November 18 to 20 at 4:00 PM. The player born on or after January 1, 2004 is eligible to participate in the National. All affiliated units of J&K Handball Association are requested to send the players at the venue.

Kho-Kho trials from Nov 25

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Kho-Kho Association shall hold selection trials to pick up Sub-Junior (boys and girls) teams for the upcoming 33rd Nationals to be held at Titlur in Karnataka from December 13 to December 17. The selection process shall take place in under-14 age group on November 25 and November 26 at Green Playfields, Gandhi Nagar, here. As per a handout issued here today, the eligible players need to bring along necessary documents, including bank details and fitness certificate.

MAM College wins CLUJ Hockey title



Chief Guest interacting with players.

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JAMMU: Government MAM College won the men's inter-college Hockey tournament of the Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) held at K K Hakhu Stadium, here on Friday.

In this three-team event, MAM College trounced GGM Science College 3-1 in the final. Jyotdeep scored two goals while other goal came through Jagmeet Singh.

Earlier, in a preliminary round game, Science College blanked Government SPMR College of Commerce 4-0. Varun Kumar contributed two goals while Karan Bhagat and Simranjeet Singh added one goal each. The teams were encouraged by the Director Sports CLUJ, Dr Vinod Bakshi and Incharge Manager K K Hakhu Stadium, Ajay Gupta. Also present were Neenu Sawhney, Sanjay Samyal and Aijaz Malik. The matches officiated by the technical officials including Mandeep Singh and Jagjeet Singh.

Dist Level Inter School Thang-Ta Selection trials conclude

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GANDERBAL: YSS Ganderbal started the process of selection of Thang-Ta Players for the upcoming inter District Provincial level Thang-Ta competitions. The Department is providing a great opportunity to the young players to showcase their talent and represent their District. In this context, the Trials were conducted at Indoor

Sports Complex Sehpora. Selection trials were conducted for Boys AAG and today the trials were conducted at Girls AAG in which 60 Girl student players from different schools of the District enthusiastically participated. The selected girl-student players will participate in the upcoming inter District provincial level which will be conducted very soon.

J&K UT senior men team leaves for Nationals

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JAMMU: J&K UT senior men hockey team was flagged off by Rajinder Singh, former President Hockey India, along with other members of Hockey J&K to participate in 13th Hockey India Senior National Men Championship 2023 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

The Championship is scheduled to be held from November 17 to 28, 2023. JKUT Team is going to play their first match on November 20 with Manipur. Team is sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

Team: Jasprit Singh (captain), Shoib Mughal, Sukheinder Singh, Vanshu

Mangotra, Jaipal Singh, Mudasir Ahmed Akhoo, Ashraf Nazir, Rakshit Sharma, Jameel Ahmed,

Vishu Sharma, Muneeb Farooq Bhat, and Sujal Mehra. Joginder Singh (NIS



J&K hockey players posing with dignitaries before leaving.

Jasvinder Singh, Nazarat Hussain, Sarabjot Singh, Raja fazal Abbas, Pragya Sharma, Rameshwar Singh,

Hockey Coach Sports Council) is accompanying team as Coach and R.P Sarna as Manager.

HPS girls shine in Inter-school Rangoli Making Competition



HPS faculty felicitating winner students.

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SAMBA: The girls of class 7th of Humanity Public School (HPS) brought laurels to school by winning second prize in Inter-School Rangoli Making Competition held in Playway House Higher Secondary School, Pouni Chak, Jammu, under the banner of "Youth Talent Search". The Class 7th girls of Humanity Public School bagged second prize. Girls made a beautiful Rangoli on theme 'Save The Girl Child'. The girls who participated in the competition were Muskan Choudhary, Navya Bhadoria, Sanal Bhagat and Sonu Sandhu. The students were guided under the Activity Incharge Meenu Khajuria.

The Principal, Gaurav Charak and the Vice Principal, Anku Charak praised the students for winning in the competition. They also congratulated the Incharge Senior wing, Namra Sharma and teachers of the schools for the achievement of the young girls.