# Jammu University shines in All India Inter University Satish Sharma witnesses final of Talent Fencing (Men & Women) Championship 2024-25

JAMMU: Jammu University lifted Sabre Men Gold Medal in All India Inter University Fencing (Men & Women) Championship 2024-25 held on Sunday during Valedictory

The Overall Championship trophy in Fencing (Men & Women) was clinched by G.N.D.U Amritsar. The Runner-up Overall Trophy was bagged by Guru Kashi Talwandi University, Bathinda whereas University of Jammu, got Second Runner-up Overall Trophy respec-

winner ofOverall Championship (Men) was won by G.N.D.U Amritsar. The Runner-up Men Trophy was bagged by University of Jammu whereas C.U Mohali and Guru Kashi Uni. Bathinda were joint winner for Second Runner-up.

winner ofOverall Championship (Women) was won by G.N.D.U Amritsar. The Runner-up Women Trophy was bagged by Guru Kashi Uni. Bathinda whereas P.U Chandigarh got Second Runner-up.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Esteemed Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest at the Valedictorycum-Prize Distribution Function of the Championship, with an august gathering that included Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean of Research Studies; Prof. Parkash C. Anthal, Dean of Students Welfare; Sh. Ahmed Chowdhary, Competition Director; and Adv.



Winner teams receiving trophies from chief guest at JU.

Darshan.

Supriva Sharma, a former fencer. The event was attended by a large number of dignitaries, players, officials from participating universities, university employees, students, and members of the civil society.

Prof. Umesh Rai congratulated the organizers for hosting this sports event, which offers students from various universities a platform not only to showcase their sports talent but also to foster camaraderie and connection among themselves. He praised the extensive participation of players and the commitment of officials accompanying university teams. Additionally, he highlighted the University of Jammu's notable achievements in sports and adventure activities, underscoring its dedication to promoting sports culture.

During the gathering, Prof. Rai conveyed a message from Sh. Satish Sharma, the (Hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, ARI & Training, Government of J&K). Minister Sharma expressed his regrets for not being able to attend the function due to a flight cancellation. He announced that free assistance would be provided to players and officials from various universities to experience "Jammu and Kashmir

Additionally, a bus would be handed over to the Directorate for smooth assistance of players in future. He also discussed with the Vice Chancellor that Ministry of IT will provide all out support in making University of Jammu a world class IT hub. He also promised that the Ministry of Youth Services and Sports, Government of J&K, will provide financial assistance to renovate purpose Gymnasium Hall of the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education which will cater the needs of the sports fraternity. The aim is to upgrade it to meet international standards, making it suitable for hosting competitions and events at both the national and international levels.

Earlier, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu presented the formal report of the said Championship in which he mentioned that the Association of Indian Universities has entrusted with the responsibility to University of Jammu, for hosting the All India Inter University Fencing (Men & Women) Championship 2024-25 w.e.f. 6th to 10th November, 2024 in which around 1200 players from 108 teams came from the various Universities across the Nation in men & women section participated.

The proceeding of the function was carried by Vandana Sharma, Lecturer DSPE where as the formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Komal Nagar, I/c Assistant Director,

The prize distribution ceremony was conducted by Vimal Kishore, Asstt. Prof DSPE

Others present there were Ravish Vaid, Gagan Kumar, Vikas Karlopia, Padam Dev Singh, Jai Bharat, Ashok Singh Bali, Harinderpal Singh, Inderjeet Singh, Rishiv Sharma, Richa Mandla, Manjeet Kotwal and officials of the participating teams.

# **Hunt U19 Cricket Tournament**



Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, interacting with players during final match of Talent Hunt U19 Cricket Tournament at Safapora, Ganderbal on Sunday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** GANDERBAL: In a significant boost to local sports and vouth engagement, Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, attended the final match of the Talent Hunt U19 Cricket Tournament held Safapora, Ganderbal on Sunday.

The tournament, organized by Friends Humanitarian Trust, Safapora, saw enthusiastic participation from 16 teams and spanned from June to November 2024.

While addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma highlighted the government's commitment to establishing world-class sports facilities in Jammu and Kashmir under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

He urged youth to balance their academic pursuits with active involvement in sports, stating, "Sports play a crucial role in channelizing youth potential, keeping them away from social evils, and instilling discipline and teamwork." The Minister also announced plans for organizing sports activities

across Jammu and Kashmir, with upcoming events such as marathons in various constituencies following the recent success in Srinagar.

On the occasion, the Minister interacted with players, extending his encouragement and distributing trophies, participation certificates, sport kits and cash prizes to both teams as a token of appreciation for their sportsmanship and dedication. Besides, the organizers and Under-15 cricket team of the area was also felicitated and provided sport

Satish Sharma also visited Manasbal lake and said that experts are being consulted to develop Manasbal as a premier water sports destination, which will not only provide ample employment opportunities but also allow local talent to gain exposure at the national and international levels" he added.

Highlighting the potential of Manasbal Lake, Asia's deenest freshwater lake, as a prime location for water sports, the Minister shared that Chief Minister Abdullah has directed a feasibility assessment for water sports activities in the lake.

The Minister also inspected the proposed site for a multipurpose sports ground at Kohistan Colony, Safapora. He directed the concerned revenue authorities to expedite all the codal formalities before the YS&S department prepares the requisite plan.

The Minister assured full support for the development of a state-of-the-art sports facility in the area. He also instructed the Revenue and Sports Department to conduct a joint survey and consider road accessibility to the site to enhance connectivity.

This initiative represents a step towards fulfilling the government's vision of empowering youth through sports and creating avenues for their growth and excellence in various athletic fields.

During the visit, the Minister was accompanied by ACR Ganderbal, Divisional Sports Officer, DYSSO. Tehsildar Lar and other senior officials from sports and

## Jammu **District Judo** Championship **2024 from Nov 18**

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Judo Association of Jammu & Kashmir is all set to organize the Jammu District Judo Championship 2024, which will take place on 18th and 19th November 2024 at the Indoor Sports Complex, MA Stadium Jammu.

This championship will feature competitions in Sub-Junior, Junior, and Senior categories for both Boys and Girls, with weight categories for each division.

The event is being organized under the banner of the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council as part of the "My Youth My Pride" initiative.

All participants are requested to report to their concerned coaches and bring along their Date of Birth certificates for verification.

# **District Rajouri Volleyball Championship** Choudhary Club, Dharilerote Volleyball Club clinch titles



Winner women and men teams receiving trophies.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: The District Volleyball Rajouri Championship, organized by District Rajouri Volleyball Association under the banner of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir and sponsored by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, concluded with thrilling matches. The championship featured 10 men's teams and 4 women's region.

men's final, In the Choudhary Club faced off against Rajab Volleyball Club in a five-set thriller. Choudhary Club emerged victorious with a 3-2 set score, winning 25-21, 23-25, 24-26, 25-23, and 15-10.

In the women's final, Dharilerote Volleyball Club dominated the match against Patrara Volleyball Club,

21, and 25-18. The event was graced by Satish Kumar, JKPS DySP HQ, who was the Chief Guest. He commended the efforts of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir and the District Volleyball Rajouri Association, especially Mohd Tariq, for their dedication to

promoting the sport among

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing

with its tradition of produc-

ing top quality footballers,

three Jammu and Kashmir

Bank Football Academy

graduates have made it to

the 22-man J&K squad for

Scheduled to be held across

various cities in the country,

78th Senior Men's Football

the Santosh Trophy.

clinching the title in straight

sets with scores of 25-19, 25-

the youth, particularly from the remote and border areas of Rajouri district.

In his address, Satish Kumar urged the youth to avoid negative influences such as drugs and to contribute positively to society. Also present were Shammi Dogra, JKPS DySP, and Bashir Ahmed, Manager of the Sports Stadium Rajouri, who were the guests of honor.

The officials overseeing the matches included Khalid Hussain, Jameel Ahmed. Altaf Hussain, Bharat Bhushan, and Sheraz

Ahmed. Special acknowledgements were made to Shabbir Ahmed, Sageer Khan, and Shakeel Ahmed, who were also present on the occasion

to support the event. The championship was a huge success, showcasing both competitive spirit and sportsmanship among the

# **Tiny Tots Hr Sec School conducts** trekking expedition



Tiny Tots HSS students and faculty a thrilling trekking expedition.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Three J&K Bank Football Academy graduates

make it to Santosh Trophy squad

JAMMU: Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School organized a thrilling trekking expedition to Manda Hills for students from 10th to 12th

The event was packed with activities that promoted physical fitness and camaraderie. Students enjoyed the lush greenery and fresh air while participating in physical fitness games, competitions, singing sessions, and enjoying refreshments. Additionally, they

had the unique opportunity to interact with

high court morning walkers. This event not only provided a refreshing break from routine studies but also fostered a

spirit of adventure and teamwork among the students. It was a memorable experience for all involved, blending education with outdoor recreation.

The trek was headed by Dr Vikram Handa and accompanied by Neha, Monika, Neerja, Anshu and Gurpreet Handa.

## **Roller Skating Hockey Championship**

# Master team of Jindrah Roller Athlete again UT champion

JAMMU: For the last many consecutive years, the Masters Roller Athlete Skating Club Jindrah dominated the Master Roller Hockey event and now again Jindrah Masters team won the UT Masters Roller Hockey tile in Roller Skating Championship which was held at MA Stadium here.

Under the aegis of the Jammu and Kashmir Skating Association, the team performed well under the captaincy  $_{
m the}$ International Skater Krish Gupta.

The final match was very tough and in the nail biting end, Jindrah Masters team won the UT champions title in the respective category.

Ankush Kohli, Sanjeev Kumar, Krish Gupta and the (goal keeper) Gagan Singh Jamwal played well but international roller hockey player Ramneesh Sharma played an exceptional role in changing the of the club. Abhinav



UT championship trophy.

position of the game and his performance was highly appreciated by the team members as well as by the

Other Roller Hockey teams of the club also showed excellent performance and the following were the results. Cadet boys Team A silver Cadet Girls Gold Cadet mix Team A silver Cadet mix Team B bronze Sub Junior boys Team A gold Team B silver Sub junior mix Team B gold Team. A silver Junior mix Gold where as the speed skater

Bakshi also won three bronze medals in three different races in his cate-

The management appreciated the team performance and advised them to perform better for the national trials.

Championship National Santosh Trophy 2024 beginning November 20 will see 38 teams vying for the title triumph with J&K clubbed in

Group A alongside Punjab, Ladakh and Himachal Trained at J&K Bank Football Academy, the trio that include Athar Irshad,



Huzafah Ahmad Dar and Talib Nazir have been groomed and will be joining the galaxy of stars who have represented J&K and country with pride and performance for everyone to take note of.

Buoyed by the inclusion of Bank's academy recruits in

the UT side to play coveted Santosh Trophy, Chairperson J&K Bank Sports Board Tabassum Nazir hoped players would make their mark with their unique skills and performance.

'We are thrilled to know that three of our football academy players have been

selected in the J&K senior men's squad that will feature in the prestigious Santosh Trophy", she said while emphasising that J&K Bank has always supported talented and aspiring footballers and shaped their careers to help them rub shoulders with the best in Indian football ecosystem.

Notably, J&K Bank has over the years commanded a reputation of giving a flip to J&K football thanks to its football academy managed by top coaches of the UT. It also has different age-group teams that feature in the football tourneys across the Country having brought glory to the Bank and the UT with many title tri-

"It is with this belief that sports plays a huge part in strengthening the future of the country, J&K Bank, which is at the forefront of securing economic future of tures the sporting talent here. A good number of playto grow and learn under the watchful eyes of J&K Bank Football coaches before going ahead to represent their UT and country with honour and pride" said Vice Chairman Sports Board Andrabi, while congratulating the players for their inclusion in the J&K senior

UTs of J&K & Ladakh, nurers have got an opportunity Syed Shujaat Hussain

# JK UT Archery Championship **2024 from Nov 26**

JAMMU: The Archery Association of Jammu & Kashmir is set to organize JKUT Archery Championship in Recurve, Indian Round, and Compound categories for both boys and girls. The event will take place from 26th to 28th November 2024 at the Green Fields Stadium, Gandhi Nagar, here

This championship is being held under the banner of the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council as part of the "My Youth My Pride" initiative.

All players participating in the championship are required to report to their concerned coaches and must bring their Date of Birth certificates along with them for verification purposes.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS** PULWAMA: The District Pulwama

Championship concluded on Sunday at Noor Pora, Awantipora, with thrilling matches in various categories. The tournament, organized

by the District Pulwama Volleyball Association under the banner of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir and sponsored by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, saw the participation of 22 teams from across the district.

In the much-anticipated men's final, Star Volleyball Club triumphed over Imo Volleyball Club in a thrilling 5-set match. The final score was 3-2, with set scores of 21-25, 22-25, 25-22, 25-21, 15-10. It was a closely contested



final set to emerge victorious. In the junior category, The sub-junior category Puchal Hunters defeated final saw Marvel Volleyball Barsoo Volleyball Club with a Club overpowering Tral 3-1 victory, clinching the Volleyball Club in straight championship with set scores sets, winning 3-0 with set of 25-22, 25-21, 21-25, 25scores of 25-20, 25-21, 25-22. 22. Puchal Hunters displayed Marvel Volleyball Club's dom-

inance was evident as they maintained control throughout the match and sealed a comprehensive victory. final two sets and secure the

In the girls' final, Spiker Stars defeated Smashed Volleyball Club with a 3-1 scoreline. The sets were closely contested 25-22, 25-23, 20- $25,\ \ 25\text{-}20.\ \ \mathrm{Spiker}\ \ \mathrm{Stars}$ demonstrated attacking and defensive skills

to secure the title after a hard-fought match.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Imo Volleyball Club defeated Western Volleyball Club by 3-1, with set scores of 25-22, 25-23, 21-25, 25-20. In the second semi-final. Star Volleyball Club defeated Alstar Volleyball Club by 3-0 with scores of 25-22, 25-19, 25-23

District Pulwama Volleyball Championship concludes The closing ceremony and award presentation took place in Noor Pora, Awantipora, where the Commandant Officer of CRPF 130 Battalion, Rajiv Kumar Yadav, was the chief guest. In his address, the chief guest congratulated the District Pulwama Volleyball Association for organizing the championship successfully and for providing a platform for young athletes to showcase their skills.

> several prominent figures, including Haroon Rashid, a national volleyball player, and Javeed Ahmad Dar, an executive member of the Volleyball Pulwama. Association Members from the Gindun Foundation were also present to support the event.

The event was graced by