

# Sports Minister declares open Fencing championship at JU

‘Govt will encourage talented athletes, shunt out sports bodies with vested interests’  
J&K begins campaign in style, bags Gold in Sabre team event

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JAMMU: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, on Tuesday declared open the Fencing championship at University of Jammu for under-14 boys and girls category as part of 68th National School Games being held across India.

21 State/UT teams drawn from across the country are taking part in this prestigious event, which is being organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YS&S), J&K, under the aegis of the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) as part of month-long series of National School Games in four sports disciplines.

Promising players from across the country are participating in this prestigious event, which is being organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YS&S), J&K, under the aegis of the School Games Federation of India.

In his address, the Minister emphasized the government's commitment towards promoting genuine sports talent while ensuring that no indi-



Gold winner U-14 girls J&K Sabre team; Sports Minister, Satish Sharma witnessing match after inaugurating fencing championship at University of Jammu for under-14 boys and girls category on Tuesday.

vidual or group is allowed to politicize sports. He assured that only deserving athletes would be supported, and those who have misused sports bodies for personal gains would be shown the doors.

The Minister asserted that the National School Games are the country's one of the most important platforms for school athletes to showcase their talent and compete at national level. "These games provide young athletes an opportunity to gain exposure, build discipline and develop competitive spirit," he maintained.

Satish Sharma stressed that the games, held in various sporting disciplines, also

encourage youth to adopt a healthy and active lifestyle while contributing to the overall development of their personalities.

The Minister extended gratitude to the parents, coaches and sports teachers for their unconditional support and encouragement of young athletes, which plays a crucial role in success of such sporting events. He said that present dispensation is keen to promote young talent and robust sports infrastructure in the state. He said that the government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, will strive to provide world class facilities to the players which will help them to perform better in

national and international events.

The Minister expressed hope that with the support of Prime Minister and Lieutenant Governor and coordination of Sports Ministry, a new era of evolved and advance sports culture will commence in J&K with all modern state of art facilities.

Satish Sharma also highlighted the broader benefits of sports, stating that it is essential in shaping well-rounded individuals, keeping the youth engaged, and diverting them from the negative effects of excessive mobile use and sedentary lifestyles. He acknowledged that while the Department of

Youth Services and Sports has made commendable progress, there is still much more to be done to further enhance the sports ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

Secretary YS&S, Sarmad Hafeez, while speaking on the occasion, congratulated the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, J&K, for successful completion of the 68th National School Games in Wushu and expressed confidence that the remaining three national championships would also be successfully organized. He stressed the important role of the YS&S in nurturing the state's sports talent and instilling values of leadership, discipline, and perse-

verance.

The glittering inaugural ceremony commenced with a warm welcome address by the Director General of YS&S, Rajinder Singh Tara. He spoke about the significance of such events, not only for promoting sports but also for fostering cultural exchange, brotherhood, and religious harmony among children.

The vote of thanks was delivered by the Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu. Among the dignitaries present were Jitendra Mishra, Deputy Director, Central YS&S, and Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Sports at the University of Jammu.

Meanwhile, J&K began the games in style on the inaugural day today, clinching gold in U-14 girls Sabre team event. The team of Gold medal winners included Eknor Kour, Shrija Bali, Sabrena Choudhary and Janell Mattoo.

The silver medal in this event went to Haryana and the bronze medal was bagged by Punjab and Gujarat.

## JKCA's Rubia Syed earns place in prestigious Challengers Trophy

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JAMMU: For her splendid show in Senior Women's T20 Trophy this season, Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association's (JKCA's) experienced campaigner and explosive batter, Rubia Syed got the National Selectors' nod and earned a place in the prestigious Women's T20 Challengers Trophy to begin on November 17 at Ranchi in Jharkhand.

She will represent India 'A' team to be led by Harleen Deol of Punjab in this Trophy, the league phase of which will conclude on November 25, 2024.

She emerged as the second top scorer all over India in the league phase of the Senior Women's T20 Trophy with 93 off 51 balls against minnows Mizoram and 78 off 58 balls against formidable Tamil Nadu as her best scores. She also contributed 24 off 19 against Odisha, 17 off 18 against Mumbai and 12 off 15 against Gujarat.

The right-handed middle-order batter has been around for a long time and has performed well for J&K across

the formats. Rubia is a class act when on song and an exceptional batter in women's cricket and has a mastery in the art of butchering any kind of bowling attack.

However, Rubia is yet to land a Women's Premier League (WPL) contract. The tournament could open the doors for her to make an impression for herself before the upcoming WPL Auction.

Last year Rubia was called for selection trials by Gujarat for the Women's Premier League (WPL) and this year she attended the Mumbai Indians selection trials Camp for (WPL).

Interestingly, Rubia is the only J&K batter to have hit a century in the Senior Women One-Dayers. She also has the ability to bowl with a good pace and wobble the ball both ways.

Member-Administration JKCA Brig Anil Gupta, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA, Mithun Manhas and Member Legal Affairs JKCA, Advocate Sunil Sethi congratulated Rubia for this achievement.



## JKPS Kunjwani shines in Open District Grappling Championship



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

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JAMMU: In the Open District Grappling Championship, held at Birla Open Mind International School, JK Public School Kunjwani won two gold, two silver and one bronze medal.

The winners were Vedansh Mahajan (Gold Medal), Shiven Singh (Gold Medal), Gurpreet Singh (Silver Medal), Jasmeet Singh

(Silver Medal) and Syed Musadiq (Bronze Medal).

Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK Educational Society and School Principal Rajesh Rathore congratulated and felicitated the winners in the school Assembly.

Speaking on the occasion, Shashi Chaudhary said, "We are incredibly proud of our talented students. Their hard work and dedication

have truly paid off, and these achievements are a testament to their commitment to excellence".

They also praised the school coach Ashwani Kumar and HOD (Sports) Subash Chander for their relentless efforts and guidance in training the students, which contributed to their success at the championship.

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JAMMU: Carrying forward the message of supporting the revival of indigenous games of the country, the India's fast growing sports organisation of Kreedha Bharati has advised its J&K unit to establish and activate units in all 22 districts of the Union Territory.

This was stated by visiting Convenor North of Kreedha Bharati, Deepak Sharma while delivering a special lecture on organisational structure and annual activities during two-day training seminar, here.

Aiming at spreading the movement of indigenous sports with the message of character building, the seminar was organised by the Kreedha Bharati Jammu and Kashmir, here.

Delegates from the districts of Reasi, Udhampur,



Participants of two-day training seminar and officials of Kreedha Bharati J&K posing with Convenor North, Deepak Sharma at Jammu.

Doda, Rajouri, Poonch and Jammu attended the training. In this two-day event, the participants, both young and seniors also learned the idea of staying healthy by adopting a sport while practicing Yoga on a daily basis.

Spreading across various sessions, experts in medical, social and sports expressed their view point thus telling the untold stories of those successful individuals from

the world of sports.

The visiting resource person, Deepak Sharma presented a detailed note of the Kreedha Bharati as an organisation and spread of its activities. He told in length about the five annual programmes of Kreedha Gyan Priksha, Hanuman Janamotsav (foundation day), Maa Jijabhai Puraskar, National Sports Day, Yoga Divas.

Advocate Sudesh Sharma

delivered guest lecture on fundamental duties of an individual with focus on 'Panch Parivartan', the idea of balanced developed of the society.

Earlier, during the day, Sports Medicine Specialist and chairman Medical Commission of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), Dr Sanjogita Soodan had an interactive session through which she talked in length about

Doping and its impacts on life of an athlete. Senior vice president of Kreedha Bharati J&K, Dr Soodan, expressed her concern about the growing number of doping instances in India.

Earlier, secretary Kreedha Bharati J&K, Ashutosh Sharma welcomed and introduced the delegates from the district units to the dais. Senior vice president, Rajesh Chander Vaid and treasurer, Rahul Sharma delivered vote of thanks thus asking the district units to spread the wings of the organisation.

Other senior members of the Kreedha Bharati J&K, who were part of the organising team included Vikas Sharma (Sampark Parmukh), Sunil Mahajan (vice president), Raj Kumar (joint secretary) and Sanjeev Sharma (Prachar Parmukh).

## Indian Hawks speed skaters bag 45 medals in J&K UT C'ship 2024

Samaira, Tamanna, Puneesh among 9 emerge UT Champions

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JAMMU: Indian Hawks Roller Skating Club (IHRSC) has once again proven its dominance on the rink and in road races, clinching an impressive 45 medals at the J&K UT Skating Championship with nine emerging as J&K UT Champions in various categories.

The club's outstanding performance has not only brought home numerous accolades but also solidified its reputation as one of the top skating institutions in the region.

Samaira Gandotra, Tamanna Saini, Puneesh Puri and Vanshaj Sharma remained unbeatable by clinching three gold medals each and emerging as UT Champions along with five others who also made a mark by topping in the medal tally in their respective age categories.

The other medal winners include Haneet Kour 3 silver medals, Avikam 1 gold



Medal winner IHRSC skaters posing for a photograph.

and 2 silver medals, Gurtej Singh 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze, Adwait Sharma 1 silver and 2 bronze medals, Viraaaj Gandotra 2 silver, and 1 bronze medal, Adhira Kanotra 2 gold and 1 silver medal, Saanvi Grover 2 gold and 1 silver medal, Udhay Narayan 1 gold and 2 silver medals, Samarjot Singh 1 gold and 1 silver, Kartikeya Puri 1 silver and 1 bronze, Tabish Haider 2 gold medals, Surya Bhaskar 1 gold (Alpine), Rudra

Arora 1 gold (Alpine), and Anaysha 1 bronze.

Competing against fierce talent from across the Union Territory, the club's skaters showcased their exceptional skills, dedication, and sportsmanship, earning medals in almost all age categories of quads and inline speed skating.

The 9 emerging UT champions, each with

remarkable performances, are a testament to the hard work, discipline, and passion that the club instills in its skaters.

Lauding the skaters for their phenomenal performance, Ashok Gandotra (Retd Chief Engineer) President of the Club said "I am immensely proud of our skaters' performance at the UT Championship 2024. Their hard work, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to excellence have truly paid off. To have 9 of our skaters emerge as UT champions is a remarkable achievement and speaks volumes about the talent and discipline within IHRSC."

He further said that the results at the championship are a direct reflection of the quality of train-

ing and support provided at IHRSC. "This victory is not just a win in medals, but a celebration of the spirit, teamwork, and determination that defines our club", he maintained.

Meanwhile, the skaters of IHRSC also showcased supremacy at the recently held Sahodya Roller Skating Championship at the premises of JKPS Kathua by winning 14 medals. Four Indian Hawks skaters became speed champions in the event. The medal winners include Tabish Haider 2 gold medals, Namsimran Singh 2 gold medals, Nidhaan Singh 2 silver medals, Haneet Kour 2 gold medals, Avikam 2 gold medals, Shambhav 1 silver medal, Gurtej Singh 2 gold medals and Adwait Sharma one silver medal.

## HPS girls shine in Inter School Suhaag Singing Competition

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SAMBA: The girls of class 7th of Humanity Public School (HPS) brought laurels to school by winning first prize in Inter School Suhaag Singing Competition held in JK Montessori Senior Secondary School, under the banner of "Youth Talent Search".

The girls presented a beautiful Suhaag Geet sung during wedding ceremony of girls in Dogri culture.

The girls and the boy who participated in the competition were Divyanshi, Tania, Manya, Reeya, Mehak, Kirti, Pehal, Harman, Gurpreet and Ridham of Class 8th (Dholki Player). Second and Third prize was bagged by Alexander Memorial School Higher School and Bikram Memorial High School, Jammu respectively.



Humanity Public School winner girls team with faculty.

The students were guided under the Music teachers, Rajan Kumar and Kumar Abhilash.

The props for the group song were prepared by Vishali, Dayneet Kour and Vikas (Art & Craft Teacher).

The Principal, Gaurav Charak and the Vice

Principal, Anku Charak praised the students for winning in the competition.

They also congratulated the Incharge High/Middle Wing, Namrta Sharma and teachers of the schools for the achievement of the young toddlers.

## Dr Parvinder assumes charge of Director Animal Husbandry Deptt

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SRINAGAR: The government has appointed Dr. Parvinder Singh Sudan as the Director of Animal Husbandry Kashmir, as per the government order No. 512 JK(APD) of 2024 dated November 8, 2024.

Dr. Sudan, an alumnus of Bombay Veterinary College, assumed charge immediately and will also hold additional responsibilities as Chief Executive Officer of the Livestock Development Board and Joint Director of the Institute of Animal Health and Biological Products Kashmir.

Having joined the department in 1989 as a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Dr. Sudan has held various key positions, including Joint Director Research, and is well-regarded for his administrative skills and scientific expertise.



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JAMMU: KC International School (KCIS) hosted 16th season of its flagship event, "Sur Sangam 2024," an inter-School Music Competition on Tuesday.

The mega event witnessed the participation of 18 schools across the Jammu region. Padma Shri Romalo Ram, renowned Dogri Folk singer of J&K was the Chief Guest and Dharmesh Nargotra, renowned Gazalists, Seni Feroz renowned Gazalists & Tabla Player and Sahil Nath, renowned Rhythmist and Music Director were the Guests of Honour and also



Winner host KCIS team receiving trophy of Inter-School Music Competition 'Sur Sangam 2024'.

adjudged the competition. The guests were welcomed by Saroj Mahajan, General Secretary, Chaitanya Chowdhary, President and Principal, Anupama Sinha.

KC International School sweeps top honours excelling in the inter-school music competition, securing top positions across categories. in Solo Song Junior

Category, Divyansh Sudan (KC International School) emerged winner while Agampreet Singh (Jammu Sanskriti School) and Priyasha Singh (Presentation Convent

School) were first and second runner-up respectively in Solo Song Senior Category, Aryan Bangotra (KC International School) emerged winner and Aadhy Sharma (IDPS

Jammu) and Kartik Bhagat (Mount Litera School) were first and second runner-up respectively. in Group Song Category, KC International School got winner trophy while Jammu Sanskriti School got first runner-up and SNS Vidya Mandir received second runner-up trophies.

The vote of thanks was presented by the Principal, who applauded students for the synchronization and prowess in music.

She also showered appreciation on the Music Deptt especially Michael, Rishav Kumar and Activity Coordinator Babita Bhan.