

68th National School Games in Wushu

Athleticism, motorability, anticipation on display as 11 JK players enter medal bouts round

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JAMMU: Athleticism, motorability and anticipation was on display as eleven players from J&K including ten boys and a lone girl entered the medal bouts stage in the ongoing 68th National School Games in the discipline of Wushu, being organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports J&K, under the auspices of School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Indoor Sports Complex Bhagwati Nagar here on Saturday.

A total of 129 bouts were held today with 115 in the boys category and 14 in the girls category.

The players from J&K, who secured berth in the medal bouts stage in boys U-



Players in action at Wushu match in Jammu on Saturday.

17 category were Aniket Lotra in -40kg, Tapish Bharat in -45kg, Tawheed Akbar in -48kg, Rishi Khosla in -52kg, Aayaan Asim Mir in -56kg, Suryansh Singh in -60kg, Mohd Arhaan in -70kg, Mehran Amin in -75kg, Umaan Arif in -80kg and Mohd Haseeb in -85kg, while in girls U-17 category, Saliqa Farooq in -52kg was the lone player to seal berth in medal bouts round.

Earlier, in -40kg weight category, Aniket Lotra of J&K beat Mayank of CBSE; in -45 kg category Kapish Bharat Rakwal of J&K trounced Rudra Rathore of MP; in -48 kg

category, Tawheed Akbar Mir of J&K beat Sushil Kumar of Uttar Pradesh; in -52 kg category, Rishi Khosla of J&K defeated Pritam Ghosh of West Bengal in his first match and got the better of Digvijay of Chandigarh in the second match.

In -56 kg category, Aayaan Asim Mir of J&K beat Porush Khatri of Delhi in his first match and beat Love Sankhla of CBSE in his second match while in -60 kg category, Suryansh Singh of J&K drubbed Aryan Mondal of West Bengal and in -75 kg category Mehran Amin Bangoo of Jammu and Kashmir prevailed over Kartik Tiwari of Vidhya Bharti. In -80 kg category, Umaan Arif of J&K beat Pawan Kumar of Chandigarh.

Meanwhile, around 600 players and officials drawn from 21 States/UTs across the country are taking part in this mega event, which is as part of the historic series of 68th National School Games in the disciplines of Judo, Fencing, Wushu and Football, wherein around 4000 athletes and officials across the country are taking part.

These Games are being held under the patronage of Minister for Sports, Satish Sharma; Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez and under the chairmanship of Director General Youth Services and Sports, Rajinder Singh Tara.

Samad, Qamran's batting brilliance powers J&K to emphatic victory over Jharkhand

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: Promising opening batter Qamran Iqbal and talented middle-order batsman Abdul Samad were at their murderous best to power Jammu and Kashmir to a convincing victory by 25 runs over formidable Jharkhand in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match at Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy BKC, Mumbai on Saturday.

Put into bat, J&K scored a massive total of 224 runs in the stipulated 20 overs.

The opening duo of explosive Qamran Iqbal and experienced Shubham Khajuria gave a flying start to J&K innings and scored 51 runs in 4.3 overs before Shubham was dismissed on his individual score of 20 runs off just 12 balls studded with one four and 2 sixes, while Qamran continued his sublime touch and alongwith Vivrant Sharma (15) added another 47 runs to the score, thus making it 98/2 in 9.1 overs when Qamran was dismissed on his individual score of power-packed 61 runs off 32 balls studded with 3 fours and 6 massive sixes. He simply butchered the rival bowlers with power, punch and utmost timing.

Then cracking 74 not out off just 29 balls with 5 fours and 7 massive sixes by Abdul Samad and valuable contributions of 28 runs



by skipper Paras Dogra and unbeaten 12 off 7 balls by Abid Mushtaq guided J&K to a big total of 224 runs in 20 overs.

Bal Krishna took 2 wickets, while Vivek Anand Tiwari and Utkarsh Singh claimed one wicket each for Jharkhand.

In reply, Jharkhand scored 199 runs in the allotted 20 overs to lose the match by 25 runs.

Pankaj Kumar top scored with 56 runs off 32 balls with 3 fours and 4 sixes, while Utkarsh Singh contributed 54 off 28 balls with 8 fours and 2 sixes. Bal Krishna (33) and skipper Virat Singh (24) were the other major contributors.

Abid Mushtaq was the most successful bowler for J&K who took 4 wickets by conceding 42 runs in his 4 overs while Murugan Ashwin and Rasikh Salam bagged 2 wickets each and Yudhvir Singh claimed one wicket.

GCW Udhampur women bag Boxing trophy

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur clinched the overall trophy in inter-college Boxing tournament which was organised by the Directorate of Sports, University of Jammu (JU), here.

Considering the points earned out of the medals won in different weight categories, the Post Graduate (PG) team of JU declared overall second.

Dr Mandeep Singh of Directorate of Sports and Physical Education was chief guest while Dr Jagmeet Singh (Assistant Professor), Jai Bharat, Ravish and Harinderpal Singh were special guests.

The bouts were officiated by the technical panel comprising Sandeep Singh



GCW Udhampur team receiving trophy from chief guest.

Chib (Ramban), Sajad Pathan (JKP), Haradesh Singh, Anil Chib, Goutam Sharma, and Anshuman Khajuria.

The Results: 45-48 kg: Ananya Sharma (GDC Neeli Nallah), Gold; Neema Devi (GDC Basohli), Silver; Neelam Devi (GDC Jindrah) and Preeti Sharma (GCW Udhampur), Bronze. 48-

Bronze. 52-54 Kg: Saijal Manhas (GDC Ramban), Gold; Muskaan (PG JU), Silver; Mehresh Akhter (GDC Basohli) and Diksha Bhagat (GCW Udhampur), Bronze. 54-57 kg: Shalu Devi (GCW Parade), Gold; Shehnaz Akhter (GCW Udhampur), Silver. 57-60 kg: Shivali Chib (Dogra Degree College), Gold; Mamta Devi (GCW Udhampur), Silver. 60-63 kg: Ananya (PG Department), Gold; Komal Sharma (GCW Udhampur), Silver. 66-70 kg: Lakshilla (PG Department), Gold and Sovandna (GCW Udhampur), Silver. Plus 81 kg: Jaspreet (GDC Bhagwati Nagar), Gold; Sahmata (Dogra Degree College), Silver; Pallavi Pathoni (GDC Basohli), Bronze.

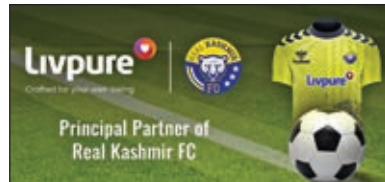
Livpure sponsors Real Kashmir FC to empower local talent, inspire next generation

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Livpure, one of India's leading and most trusted and customer-centric brands dedicated to the well-being of consumers, announced Saturday as the principal sponsor of Real Kashmir Football Club (RKFC).

This strategic sponsorship aims to foster local talent, elevate the sporting landscape in Jammu and Kashmir to reach new heights in the world of football.

Livpure stands for creating wellness and has joined hands with Real Kashmir as part of its larger mission to create a culture of wellness and sports in the country while also driving a positive change in Kashmir which will inspire the youth through the power of football towards a healthier India. This is also in line with the Government's initiative to drive sports in India.

Founded in 2016, RKFC has emerged as a beacon of hope and a catalyst for change in the region. The team's promotion to the prestigious I-League, India's first division football competition, has transformed the sporting culture and community spirit in



Jammu and Kashmir: Being a principal sponsor of RKFC underscores the brand's commitment to empowering young athletes and providing them with a platform to showcase their skills on the national stage.

Rakesh Kaul, Managing Director of Livpure, said, "We are thrilled to sponsor Real Kashmir Football Club, a team that has consistently demonstrated its dedication to excellence and has emerged as a potential force in Indian football. This alliance aligns with our vision of fostering local talent & sporting culture in India which give Kashmir & its youth a national level platform. Through our support, we aim to enable RKFC to continue its remarkable journey and represent the region's passion for football on a national level."

RKFC's diverse team, comprising players from Kashmiri, Dogri, Bengali, Goan, Manipuri, Mizo, Punjabi, Tamilian, Scottish, and African backgrounds, reflects the club's commitment to inclusivity and unity.

Livpure's partnership will further strengthen RKFC's efforts to increase its fan base and viewership, while also promoting the development of football infrastructure and facilities in the region.

Arshad Shawl, Co-Owner of Real Kashmir FC, said, "Real Kashmir Football Club is more than just a team; it's a symbol of hope and a catalyst for positive change in Jammu and Kashmir. Every game that we play is an exercise in rediscovering our selves and aspirations. We want football to change lives in Kashmir and are excited to have Livpure as our sponsor; a brand that shares our vision of empowering young athletes and fostering a vibrant football culture. Together, we will work towards creating new opportunities, inspiring the next generation, and showcasing the talent of our region on the national stage."

RMPS holds 11th Annual Day-cum-prize distribution ceremony

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JAMMU: 'Aarangam' was organized on Saturday 2024 at Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. The chief guest for the magnificent event was Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology and Environment and Tribal Affairs Department J&K, Presiding guest was Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary Education J&K, Shailender Singh, SSP Railways, Jammu, Guest of Honour, S.P. Varma. Renowned Padam Shri awardee Lakshmi Dutt Shastri and inspiring Educationist and Jagdish Chandar were embellished with Life Time



Cabinet Minister, Javed Ahmed Rana posing with students and other dignitaries.

Achievement Award. Chairman Rameshwar Mengi, Trustee Rita Mengi, Director Pushp Vatika, Risheek Mengi and eminent guests from sister concern schools showed their presence along with other parents.

School Director Rakshan Mengi along with Vice

Principal Dr. Harvinder Kour and Administrator Surinder Singh extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries.

Divulging the theme of the cultural show Aarangam- School Vice Principal highlighted that it symbolizes a space where challenges and opportunities come hand in hand, and where the true potential is tested and celebrated. This will inspire the students to face their own arenas with courage and creativity. The two-hour long cultural show captivated the audience and left them in awe as the show culminated.

The event included startling performances like Interstate flare, theatrical performance on Transgender, Mask and Robot dance and energetic bhanga by the students which illuminated the whole event and filled it with enthusiasm. A euphonious rendition of the school Anthem 'We are RMPS family' was the main attraction presented by the School orchestra team.

The event witnessed the inauguration of the 3rd volume of the School Magazine - 'Dishari' with spark and blaze. The Chief Guest applauded the theme 'Aarangam' and appreciated the idea behind it.

NSS Camp enters 5th day with awareness rally and nukkad natak

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The ongoing NSS camp organized by K.C. College of Education at Govt. School Pomicheak entered its fourth day with an awareness rally and a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak on global rights.

The day began with an awareness rally, where participants held placards and banners highlighting the importance of global rights. The rally aimed to sensitize the local community about the need to protect and promote human right. The rally was followed by a Nukkad Natak performance on global rights. The play was thought-provoking and highlighted the struggles and challenges faced by individuals in exercising their rights. The performance was well-received by the audience and sparked a meaningful discussion on the topic.

Priya Gupta, NSS Program Officer, emphasized the significance of global rights and the need for collective action to protect and promote them. "It is essential for us to recognize and respect the rights of all individuals, regardless of their background, culture, or nationality," she said.

The NSS camp aims to foster social responsibility, national integration, and community service among youth.



Junior Wing of KCPS celebrates 'Nimble Feet Fitness Fest' 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Junior Wing of KC Public School (KCPS) was alive with energy and excitement on Saturday as it hosted the much-anticipated 'Nimble Feet Fitness Fest 2024'.

This annual event, a grand celebration of vibrant costumes, captivating performances, and remarkable coordination, was themed 'Round Square Super Heroes'.

The theme represents the 12 discoveries of the Round Square Discovery Framework (RSDf), which young students experience as they progress through their education in a Round Square school. These discoveries focus on personal and academic growth, including problem-solving, compassion, teamwork, tenacity, responsibility, and more. The event began with an introduction to the Super Heroes representing these traits and concluded with a spirited dance performance glorifying their significance in character-building.

Anuradha Thakur, (OSD Youth Mission, J&K), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. She was welcomed by Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra, Head Boy Aarav Bhat, and Head Girl Swadhi Mahajan,



Students presenting Saraswati Vandna at a fest.

who presented an inspiring report highlighting the school's commitment to nurturing confident, successful, and globally aware students through an inclusive and enriching curriculum.

The cultural program featured an invocation dance to Lord Ganesha, an impressive March Past, and performances in Yoga, Karate, Wushu, Roller Skating, and a rhythmic medley of songs and dances. Students confidently anchored the entire program, earning thunderous applause after each performance.

In her address, Anuradha Thakur emphasized the importance of co-curricular activities in fostering holistic education. She congratulated the school's leadership, including Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Managing

JPS celebrates 20th prize-giving ceremony with exceptional achievements

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School marked a significant milestone as it celebrated its 20th Prize-Giving Ceremony on Saturday, with great enthusiasm and pride.

The event was graced by Yasha Mudgal, Commissioner Secretary, Tourism Department, J&K as the Chief Guest. The Guest of Honour was Ankita Kar, Chief Executive Officer, e-Governance, J&K, and other distinguished dignitaries included Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, MLA Ramnagar and Bhupinder Kumar, Administrative Secretary, Public Works Department.

The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome



Students posing for a photograph during prize-giving ceremony.

address by Deputy Head Girl Samaira Jamwal. The Army and Navy cadets of the NCC offered a ceremonial salute to the dignitaries. Vice Principal Amita Arora presented the Annual Report for the Academic Session 2023-24. She announced that Jodhamal had ranked 28th in India's Best Co-Ed Day Schools and retained its position as

the Top Co-Educational Day School in J&K for the 10th consecutive year.

Karman Singh earned British and Indian patents, and Rohinya Paroch won the prestigious International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO) Award. In sports, the school sent 120 students to represent J&K in national games, making it the only

school in J&K with the largest representation at the national level.

The cultural programme was a highlight of the evening, featuring a play titled 'Ashes to Aspirations (The Healing Hand)', along with Nriyanjali, Carnival, Spanish, and Flashback dances, as well as an eclectic orchestra. The event also showcased the unveiling of

Jodhamal Reels 2024 and behind-the-scenes videos.

The Annual Sports Trophy, Academic Trophy, and CCA Trophy were awarded to Invention House, while the Overall Trophy was also claimed by Invention House. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Deputy Head Boy Aviral Kapoor and the National Anthem.

NSS unit of GDC Mahanpur organises Plantation Drive

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MAHANPUR: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur organised a Plantation Drive on the programme was organised by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS P.O. under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College.

While speaking on the Occasion, Principal of the College, raised awareness about the afforestation and also motivated them to plant

more and more trees to conserve nature.

Such kinds of programmes emphasize the need of involvement of young generation in the preservation of Environment and Ecosystem.

The Plantation Drive emphasis on conservation of nature and natural resources in order to ensure transformation of legacy to future generations. On this occasion a large no. of plants were planted by the faculty mem-

bers as well as NSS Volunteers. The Principal of the College planted a sapling of Marigold and initiated the Plantation Drive.

A total of 30 saplings of Marigold (Tagetes Erecta) and Scarlet Sage (Salvia Splendens) were planted in the College campus. More than 40 NSS Volunteers participated in the Drive.

Moreover the faculty mem-

bers who also participated in the Plantation Drive were Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Nisha, Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Dr. Nisha, Dr. Babli, Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Yograaj, Divya, Pooja, Anuradha, Shivani Panoch and Monika. Everyone participated in the Drive with enthusiasm and successfully planted all the saplings.