

History in the Making: J&K emerges as strong contender in 69th NSG Taekwondo Championship

Shivansh, Mohit, Prikshit win Gold medals

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JAMMU: In a remarkable display of talent and determination, Mohit Anthal and Shivansh Rajput representing Jammu & Kashmir, along with Prikshit from Haryana, clinched Gold medals, positioning J&K as a formidable contender in the ongoing 69th National School Games U-19 Boys Taekwondo Championship.

The prestigious event is being organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports under the aegis of the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and under the leadership of Director General Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Anuradha Gupta at the Indoor Sports Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here.

In the fiercely contested -45 kg category, Shivansh Rajput showcased exceptional skill to secure the Gold



Medal winners posing with dignitaries.

medal, while Preet Singh of Assam earned the Silver. Soham Joe of Goa and Moksh of Uttarakhand each walked away with Bronze medals in this division.

Meanwhile, in the -55 kg category, Mohit Anthal's outstanding performance earned him the Gold medal, surpassing worthy opponent Pardeep of Haryana, who

took Silver. Parth Satish of CBSE and Chimmroy of Assam were awarded Bronze medals.

In the -73 kg category, Prikshit from Haryana emerged victorious with the Gold medal, followed by Gourav Singh of Madhya Pradesh, who claimed Silver. Bronze medals went to Aditya Raj of Bihar and

Omkar Raja of Maharashtra.

Other thrilling matches on the day saw Kerala triumph over Uttar Pradesh in the 78 kg category, Maharashtra defeat Assam, CBSE outplay Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka conquer Goa, KVS overpower Chandigarh, Haryana dominate Uttarakhand, Rajasthan surpass West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh best Tamil Nadu, Vidya Bharati edge out Telangana, CISE overwhelm Odisha, IPSC defeat Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand outclass NVS, and Himachal Pradesh outshine Bihar. In subsequent rounds, Kerala, CBSE, KVS, Haryana, J&K, Vidya Bharati, Punjab, and Jharkhand registered impressive victories, setting the stage for intense competition ahead.

The medal ceremony for the -45 kg, -59 kg, and -73

kg categories was graced by Chief Guest Abdul Satar, Joint Commissioner JMC, accompanied by distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Divya Sharma, Veterinary Officer JMC; Dr. Rabia Khan, Assistant Floriculture Officer JMC; Faizan Manzoor, General Manager CSC SPV (J&K); Parichay Mishra, Field Officer SGFI; and key officials from the host department such as Vinakshi Koul, Joint Director YSS Jammu (Organising Secretary), and Megha Baogia, Deputy Director (Activities), Directorate of Youth Services and Sports J&K.

The spirited performances and commendable victories underscore Jammu & Kashmir's emergence as a rising champion in the national Taekwondo arena, signaling a bright future for the region's young athletes.

JU enters quarterfinals at All India Vice-Chancellor's T-20 Tournament



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JAMMU: The University of Jammu cricket team continued its remarkable run of form by registering its fourth consecutive victory, defeating RTM University, Nagpur by 91 runs and securing a place in the quarterfinals of the ongoing All India Vice-Chancellor's T-20 Cricket Tournament being held at LUVAS University, Hisar (Haryana).

Batting first, the University of Jammu posted an impressive total of 217 runs in 20 overs. Niranjan Singh led from the front with a fluent 57 runs, while Vishal Sudan contributed a solid 50. Valuable cameos came from Shami (24), Raj Kumar Bakshi (19), Rajesh (17), and Shantul (16), helping the team cross the 200-run mark with ease.

For RTM University, Ninad Raut claimed 3 wickets for 37 runs, while Deepak Ghodmare (2/51), Mahendra Bhu (2/29), and Sameer Dani (2/41) chipped in with wickets.

In response, RTM University, Nagpur could manage only 126 runs, being bowled out in their full quota of 20 overs. Nilesch Rotke top-scored with 51 runs, followed by Ritesh (16) and Suraj (10). The bowling attack of the University of Jammu once again displayed exceptional teamwork. Shantul Raina produced a match-winning spell, taking 4 wickets for 29 runs, while Karan bagged 2 for 24, Balwant Singh claimed 2 for 20, and Raj Kumar Bakshi and Rajesh took one wicket each. For his outstanding bowling performance, Shantul Raina was declared the Man of the Match.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, along with the President, Vice President, General Secretary, and members of JUNTEU, congratulated the team for their stellar performance and wished them continued success in the upcoming matches.

Heritageans shine at district UT level Table Tennis Tournament



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JAMMU: Students of Heritage School once again brought laurels to the institution with their outstanding performance at the District UT Level Table Tennis Tournament, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Jammu, held at M.A.

Stadium from 11th October to 15th October 2025.

Displaying remarkable skill, grit and sportsmanship, the young Heritageans bagged multiple Gold Medals across different age categories.

In the Under-14 Boys category, Samar Dev Bansal of class 7C) and Zain Bhat

(Class 6B) clinched Gold Medals, showcasing exceptional skill and determination.

In the Under-17 Girls category, Sanvi Kundal of Class 8C, Kavya Sharma of Class 8E and Kritika Gupta of Class 9A each secured Gold Medals, demonstrating excellence and team spirit.

In the Under-17 Boys category, Pranwat Singh of Class 10C also emerged victorious with a Gold Medal, adding yet another feather to Heritage's cap.

The Principal congratulated the young achievers for their commendable performance and appreciated the efforts of their mentors for their consistent guidance and motivation.

Jammu Tourism felicitates young mountaineers for remarkable feat

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, felicitated two young mountaineers, Ali Hussain and Musab Ahmed, for their exceptional accomplishments in successfully summiting multiple challenging peaks within a single season, reflecting exemplary endurance, determination, and mountaineering spirit.

The climbers were awarded Certificates of Appreciation by Aijaz Qaiser, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, in recognition of their achievements and contribution towards promoting adventure tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ali Hussain was honoured for sealing Machoi Peak (5,400 m) in Kargil,



Aijaz Qaiser, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu felicitating mountaineers, Ali Hussain and Musab Ahmed.

Bhrama Sakli Peak (4,730 m) in Shopian, and Tattakutti Peak (4,765 m) in Poonch District of Jammu Division. Musab Ahmed was recognized for conquering Machoi Peak (5,400 m) in Kargil, Friendship Peak (5,289 m)

in Manali, Himachal Pradesh, and Kagalna Peak (4,516 m) in Rajouri District of Jammu Division. The event was also attended by Savita Chouhan, Deputy Director (Publicity); Pankaj Sasan, Deputy Director

(Administration); Vishal Sadhotra, Assistant Director Tourism, Jammu; Mumtaz Ahmed, Assistant Director Tourism, Rajouri and Rajesh Raina, Assistant Director Tourism, Katra. Speaking on the occasion, Aijaz Qaiser congratulated

the young mountaineers for their remarkable success and unwavering spirit. He said, "Such accomplishments highlight the immense adventure potential of the Jammu region and serve as an inspiration for youth to explore new heights in mountaineering and adventure sports."

The Directorate under the overall guidance of Ashish Chandra Verma, Additional Chief Secretary, J&K Tourism Department, and the supervision of Vikas Gupta, Director Tourism, Jammu reaffirmed its commitment to support initiatives that encourage adventure and outdoor activities across Jammu Division, The Department continues to work towards promoting Jammu as a leading destination for adventure and nature-based tourism.

Tree Talk inspires environmental awareness among students at GGM Science College

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JAMMU: The Department of Botany, Govt. Gandhi Memorial Science College, Jammu, successfully organized an enlightening and interactive session titled "Tree Talk" under the guidance of the worthy Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, and the supervision of Dr. B. P. Singh, Head, Department of Botany.

The event aimed to raise awareness about the vital role of plants in sustaining life on Earth and the collective responsibility to preserve biodiversity. O. P. Sharma Vidyarthi, IFS (Retd.), a renowned environ-



mental and the resource person for the session, captivated the audience with his insightful discourse on the ecological, climatic, and societal importance of plant life. He emphasized how trees serve as nature's guardians, balancing ecosystems, puri-

fying air, and supporting life in countless ways.

Around 100 enthusiastic students participated in the session, engaging actively with the speaker and exploring the real-world relevance of botanical studies. The "Tree Talk" initiative encour-

aged students to think beyond theoretical learning and develop a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

The Department of Botany extended heartfelt thanks to O. P. Sharma Vidyarthi for his valuable contribution and inspirational address. Faculty members including Dr. Rozy Bamba, Dr. Fraz Ahmed, Prof. Vishal Sharma, and Prof. Mehnaz Bano were also present and played a key role in making the event a success.

The session concluded with a message of environmental stewardship, urging students to become active participants in tree conservation and sustainable living.

5 Poonch Volleyball players get sponsorship

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POONCH: In a first of its kind initiative, Sarimastan Tribal Gurjar Welfare Foundation has sponsored as many as five young and talented volleyball players of border district of Poonch.

All these five players belong to Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch. The Foundation, as per the information received here, finds the Club one of the most dedicated sports identify in J&K.

"Such things happen rarely in J&K. The way an NGO has come forward to encourage young sports talent, the entire volleyball fraternity of the UT finds it something encouraging. The Club express sincere thanks to the



Chairman Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch, Mohd Tariq with selected players.

management of the Foundation," said chairman of the Club, Mohd Tariq.

He thanked chairman of the Sarimastan Tribal Gurjar Welfare Foundation,

Asad Nomani for the much needed support in regard to training and other needs to the budding volleyball players. The Club also expressed

gratitude to senior J&K Police officer, Deputy Inspector General, Irshad Ahmed, who played a key role to get volleyball players sponsored.

Jammu District Open Tennis C'ship Under-14 concludes

Arushi wins girls title, Aarav boys title

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JAMMU: The Jammu District Open Tennis Championship Under-14, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association (JKLTA), concluded today at the Lawn Tennis Courts, M.A. Stadium, Jammu. The tournament was inaugurated by B.S. Jaggi, Honorary General Secretary of JKLTA, in the presence of players, coaches, and sports enthusiasts. The championship aimed to promote young tennis talent in the Union Territory and provide a competitive platform for budding players.

Anissa Nabi, Chief Sports Officer of the J&K Sports Council, was the chief guest and distributed prizes to the winners.

In the U-14 Girls category, Arushi Kumari emerged victorious, defeating Sarah Mahajan in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, showcasing her skill and determination on the court.

In the U-14 Boys category, Aarav Sharma won the title as Mayank Gupta

conceded a walkover in the final. The championship highlighted the talent, perseverance, and potential of young tennis players in the region, underlining the significance of such tournaments in nurturing future champions.

Coaches and organizers lauded the participants for their sportsmanship and competitive spirit, emphasizing that consistent training and support can help these athletes achieve success on national and international platforms.

The JKLTA reaffirmed its commitment to organizing similar events to strengthen grassroots tennis development in Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that promising talent is identified and nurtured from an early age.

The event not only celebrated sporting excellence but also fostered a spirit of healthy competition, teamwork, and dedication among the young players, inspiring them to pursue greater heights in their tennis careers.

Jammu UT Roller Skating Championship concludes

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JAMMU: The UT (State) Roller Skating Championship, organized under the aegis of the J&K Roller Skating Association and guided by G.S. Khurmi, concluded on November 7, 2025, at M.A. Stadium, Jammu.

The four-day event witnessed an overwhelming participation of more than 200 athletes from across Jammu and Kashmir, showcasing their skills, agility, and sportsmanship across various age categories. The championship served as a vibrant platform for young skaters to display their dedication, teamwork, and passion for the sport.

Jodhamal Public School emerged as the overall champion of the tournament, securing the highest number of medals and demonstrating consistent excellence in performance.

The event concluded with an impressive medal distribution ceremony, graced by Chief Guest Shiv Kumar Sharma (DIG JKS Range), Guest of Honour Harpreet Singh Anand (Chairman, Jammu Sanskriti School), Anupama Sinha (Principal, K.C. International School), and Avtar Singh



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

(Sarpanch, Panchayat Chatha).

The dignitaries appreciated the talent of the young participants and encouraged them to continue pursuing excellence in sports.

The J&K Roller Skating Association expressed gratitude to all participating schools, coaches, and volunteers for their unwavering support in making the championship a grand success. The Association emphasized that the event reflects the growing enthusiasm for roller skating in Jammu and Kashmir, setting a promising foundation for nurturing future athletes and promoting a culture of competitive excellence in the Union Territory.

The championship wit-

nessed brilliant performances by young skaters who clinched top honors in various categories.

Notable medalists included Kamakshi (2 gold), Haneet (2 silver), Yashita (2 bronze), Mohd Zaeem (2 gold), Adyansh (2 silver), Laksh (silver), Pavit (2 gold), Akshan (2 silver), Nalinaksh (bronze), Dhairya (bronze), Samaira (gold), Anaysha (silver), Aradhya (bronze), Anaysha (gold), Aradhya (silver), Samaira (bronze), Tabish (2 gold), Mridul (2 silver), Vihaan (2 bronze), Armeen (2 gold), Hooriya (2 SILVER), Puneesh Puri (2 gold), Ashwinder (2 silver), Aarav (2 bronze), Knnn (gold), Anandani (silver), Aaira (bronze), Lakshay (gold), Arnav Silver, Divay

(bronze), Knnn (gold), Aaira (silver), Kamakshi (bronze), Arnav (gold), Lakshayveer (silver), Divay (bronze), Tamanna (2 silver), Kalyani (2 bronze), Haziq (gold), Parth (silver), Arya (bronze), Kavish (gold), Ransher (silver), Sahraj (bronze), Anshika (2 gold), Medhasvi (2 silver), Myra (bronze), Advika (bronze), Atharv Saini (gold), Sahraj (silver), Yuvraj (bronze), Vivan Gupta (2 gold), Riyan (2 silver), Avitej (2 bronze), Kavya 2 Gold, Aadhya (2 silver), Ragini (2 bronze), Harsh (gold), Rudraksh (silver), Gurtej (bronze), Anshika (2 gold), Harseerat (2 silver), Divshah (2 bronze), Rudraksh (gold), Gurtej (silver), Harsh (bronze),

(bronze), Aadit (bronze), Mannat (gold), Myra (silver), Mahira (bronze), Ruhani (gold), Aradhya (silver), Aakriti (bronze), Aayan (gold), Khwisha (silver), Ragvinder (bronze), Arsh (gold), Gurdev (silver), Arnav (bronze), Aarya (silver), Divyanshi (bronze), Vivan Sudan (silver), Kritin (bronze). Hockey Event: Cadet Mix: Heritage (gold), HCC (silver), RASC (bronze). Tiny Tots: Heritage (gold), RASC (silver), JMPS (bronze). Sub-Junior Girls: HCC (gold), RASC (silver). Sub-Junior Boys: RASC - A (gold), RASC - B (silver), HCC (bronze). Cadet Boys: RASC (gold), Heritage (silver), HCC (bronze). Cadet Girls: HCC (gold), RASC (silver), Heritage (bronze). Sub-junior: Mix: RASC-A (gold), RASC-B (silver), HCC (bronze). Junior Mix: RASC-A (gold), HCC (silver). Inline man: Phonix-A (gold), Phonix-B (silver). Master: RASC (gold), Addiction (silver). Senior man: HCC (gold), Shiva (silver). Senior Mix: HCC-A (gold), HCC-B (silver).

Other Games: Rudra Arora Downhill (gold), Niddan Singh (Alpine), Samikash Koul (Freestyle inline).